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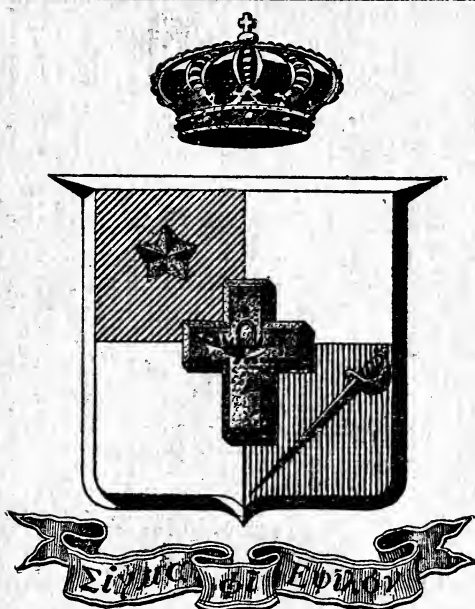








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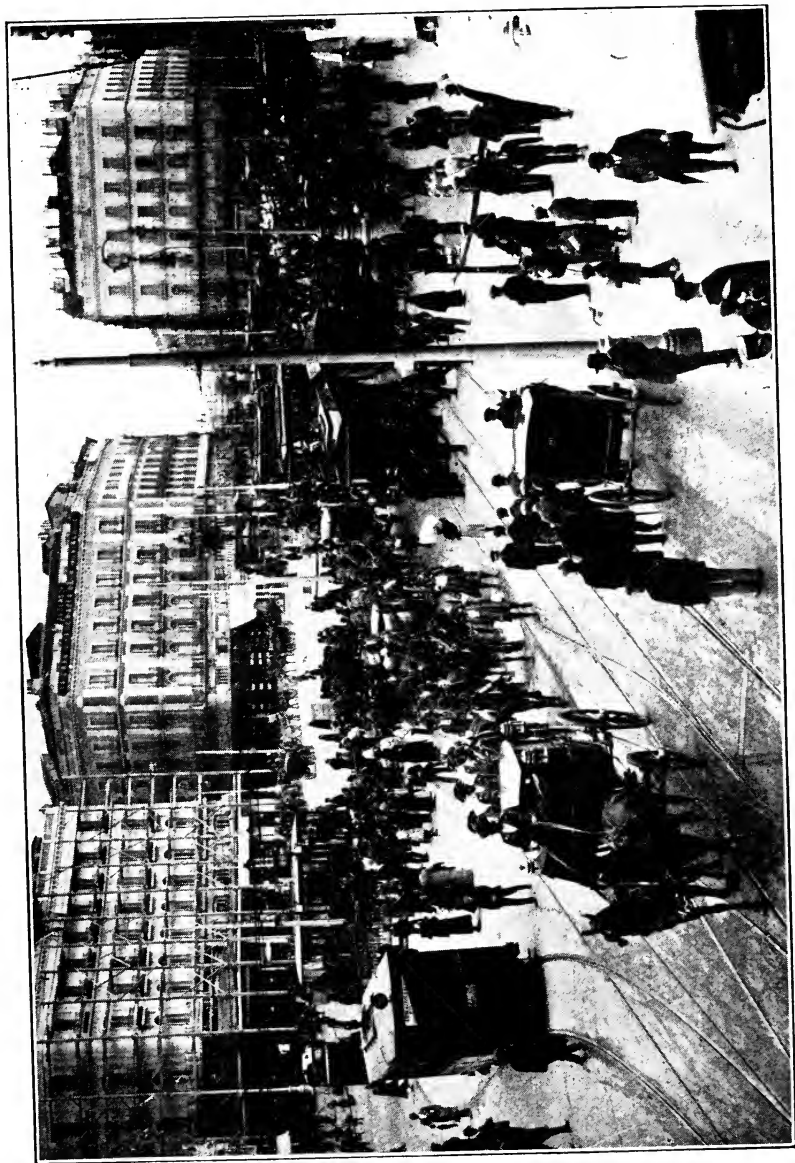


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THE PUERTA DEL SOL, MADRID.

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## MADRID

Tierra de amor, tesoro de memorias,  
Grande, opulenta y vencedora un día,  
Sembrada de recuerdos y de historias,  
Y hollada asaz por la fortuna impía!

—Jose Zorrilla.

Madrid is the youngest of the great cities of Spain, and shares with St. Petersburg and Washington the distinction of being one of the World's made-to-order capitals. Philip II moved his court



THE BRIDGE OF TOLEDO.  
A Bit of Old Madrid.

to Madrid in 1560 when the Spanish monarchy was just entering upon that brief period of prosperity and world power which was the precursor of its decline. Madrid soon outstripped her older rivals, and became the centre of all things Spanish. Her supremacy has

never been questioned. Scholars made the city their home, artists of renown were proud to adorn her palaces; prelates and great soldiers alike fought against the enemies of Christendom; the foreigner vied with the native in adding lustre to Spanish glory. Such was Madrid in the golden age of Spain. The pet of kings, she became the storehouse for the products of their whims and fancies. Through centuries of decay and political intrigue the treasures of Madrid still remain to delight the visitor of today.

Madrid is a city of contrasts. In the narrow, tortuous streets of the lower quarters of sixteenth century Madrid, which savour in



THE PLAZA, MAYOR OF MADRID.  
The Scene of Many a Bull-Fight and Auto-do-fe

more than one sence of bygone ages, are many ancient mansions emblazoned on their facades with the arms of proud families who have long since moved to modern palaces in the upper city, and left the homes of their fathers to more plebian inmates.

“Long years, ago, in old Madrid,  
Where softly signs of love the light guitar,  
Two sparkling eyes a lattice hid,  
Two eyes as darkly bright as love’s own star.”

Towards the river, beyond the Plaza Mayor, where in former times bull-fights were held, or heretics burned when the delights of tauromachy lost interest, lie the most picturesque reaches of the city—the so-called *Barrios Bajos*—which contain the Rastro, a famous rag-fair, well stocked with curios for hunters of the antique. From these populous quarters come the bull-fighters of Madrid, and the would-be fighter of bulls—the amusing *chulo*, a modern counterpart of the picaroon in old Spanish novels. This is an era of growth in Spain and the modernizing tendencies of the people are plainly



THE SALON DEL PRADO.

One of the beautiful avenues in the newer part of Madrid.

marked in the handsome residences, well kept parks, spacious avenues and lavishly adorned plazas of the newer Madrid.

The Prado Museum, architecturally unpretentious, is without doubt the best in the world, and will present the principal attraction which Madrid has to offer the visitor. The richness of its collections may be gathered from the fact that, among other celebrated pictures, it has sixty-four paintings by Velasquez, and forty-six by Murillo. Their authenticity is indisputable as nearly all were painted by royal command. For this magnificent gallery of paintings and sculpture, and for little else, is Spain indebted to Ferdinand VII.

On the crest of a steep hill, above the river Manzanares, is the palace of the Spanish Bourbons, the finest royal residence in Europe; few of its attractions, however, are open to the tourist. In the palace confines is the famous Royal Armory, which, although several times devastated by fire, is still unsurpassed by any other collection of ancient arms.

Madrid can boast no great cathedral. Philip II and his successors turned their pious attentions to the construction and adornment of the Escorial. But San Francisco el Grande, San Antonio de la Florida and others of the city churches are embellished with rich frescoes from the brush of Goya, the truest portrayer of his people.

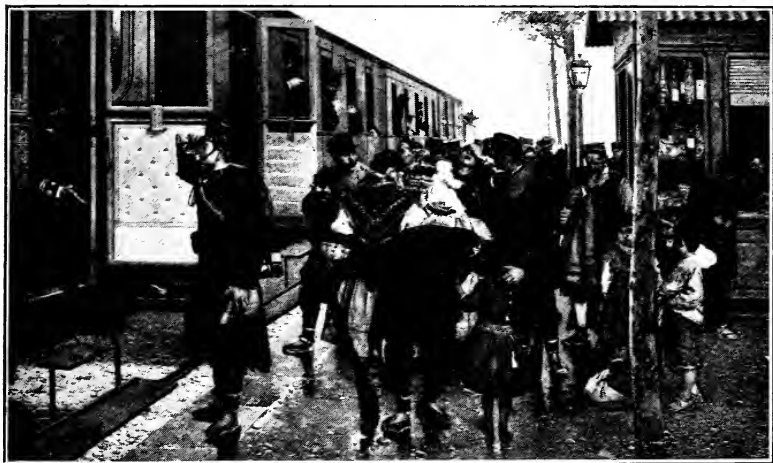


THE ROYAL PALACE OF MADRID.

The National Library contains original documents of interest to the visitor and of inestimable value to the student. In the same huge building is a good collection of modern Spanish paintings.

The brilliant society of Madrid, her excellent theatres, grand opera and luxurious club-life make the Spanish capital an agreeable place to residence throughout the year. The climate is temperate and dry, and only during the rainy months of January and February is out-door life really uncomfortable.

Just about sunset the principal avenues of the city are enlivened by crowds of care-free *Madriñeos* seeking their favorite cafe for a bit of gossip and political discussion. Bull-fighters, wearing the *coleta* or queue and the stiff felt hat of their calling, hold court on the street corners to groups of admirers talking excitedly of the latest *corrida* in the Plaza de Toros of Madrid, the most important bull-ring of the Peninsula. The Puerta del Sol, the political social, no less than the geographical centre of this city, becomes a kaleidoscope of varied Spanish types. Madrid is individualistic. In her desire to be a part of the present century she has lost none of her Spanish



"OFF TO THE FRONT," PLA Y RUBIO FINXIT.

Museum of Modern Art, Madrid.

flavour—that distinctive atmosphere which belong to one country and no other—but in the glare of brilliantly-lighted streets, the noise of tramcars and motors, the roar of traffic and hastening crowds, the past seems to glide away, and the stranger finds it hard to realize in the midst of so much hurry that this is Spain, the land of the traditional "to-morrow."

Although often visited and appreciated by the student of arts and literature, Madrid has been neglected in the past by that class of leisure-loving tourists who travel to be amused, or in other words,

by those who desire to come in contact with new peoples under pleasant surroundings. The inadequate accommodations for visitors, which Madrid formerly possessed in common with other cities of the Iberian Peninsula, were to blame for this indifference on the part of tourists. For Spanish hotels of ten years ago bore an unsavory reputation for lack of comfort, and travellers who failed to find the luxurious hotel-life to which they had been accustomed deterred their friends from visiting one of the most interesting cities of the world. The allurements of Madrid were forgotten in the remembrance of her deficiencies, and it was left to foreign business men and diplomats, who made the city more or less of a permanent home, to sing the praises of the Spanish people and their capital. Happily the conditions have now changed. Commodious trains de luxe carry the tourist to Madrid, where magnificently appointed hotels cater to every wish of the most exacting guest, who is treated with that attentive courteousness which pervades every rank of Castilian life and makes him feel that his comfort, not his money, is the primary object of all who do him service.\*

WILLIS J. PLUMMER,  
*D. of C. Alpha.*

American Embassy, Madrid,  
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## SIGMA PHI EPSILON'S PROGRESS.

*Grand President Griffin's Report Shows Advancement the Organization Has Made.—Points the Way to Further Improvement.*

Sigma Phi Epsilon has passed an epoch of substantial growth and development. As grand president, I have just completed a trip which took me to most of the chapters east of the Rockies, and almost everywhere I found them in good condition and improving steadily. It is fitting to give the good news in the columns of the *Journal*.

I started from New York City immediately after Thanksgiving and went directly to Virginia in company with the Grand Secretary,



Brother William L. Phillips, who accompanied me on most of the trip. From there I went to the chapters in North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee. Apart from my natural love for the South, its people and its ways, that part of the trip was particularly enjoyable, because there, perhaps more than anywhere else, the sign of progress could be seen.

On my last trip through the Southeast some years ago there was only one chapter south of Washington living in a chapter-house. At that time most of these chapters were running with too few members also. The efforts of the present administration toward remedying these conditions met with earnest co-operation and considerable success, so that to-day there are but three chapters in that whole section without chapter-houses, and two of these will probably soon have them. Most of the chapters there now have about the average number of members. This condition will be gratifying to those in other sections where the nature of the institutions and the general educational and social customs make larger chapters natural, for these larger chapters never did quite understand why Southern chapters were small. It is encouraging to each Southern chapter because it shows that a somewhat larger chapter membership is not only possible, but desirable.

From the South I went westward through Kansas to Colorado. I found not only a great country west of the Mississippi, but substantial and healthy chapters, well housed and well organized. From the Rockies back eastward it was the same story.

Everywhere Sigma Phi Epsilon is well represented in college activities. There is not a single chapter visited of which this is not true. Nor are these activities confined to any one class. In most cases, at least, they are properly distributed. The alumni have cause to be pleased at the progress made, and the active brothers have an incentive to continue the work to a greater future.

Although the development of the fraternity, from the standpoint of the number, location and external improvement of its chapters, has been marked, its internal development has been greater, if not more readily observed.

The external side of a chapter, such as the appearance and public conduct of its members, the style and location of its chapter-house,



JOHN CALVIN GRIFFIN, Grand President.

and the extent and nature of its organized public activities, is easily seen, and improvement is quickly detected. The internal working is not so immediately discernible. It includes the principles which guide the selection of new-members, the ideals of the fraternity, the practical machinery or system used by the chapter to work out these ideals, and the nature and intensity of the sub-conscious chapter spirit. Perhaps this sub-conscious influence might better be called the "chapter soul." Certainly it is the vitalizing power which, though unseen yet, makes a chapter what it is, and is the most important influence in the organization.

The external side of a chapter is both an index to and an important factor in the determination of the polish and social ideals of its members. It is the internal side, however, that reveals and determines its influence toward developing real men. It is this side that determines whether a chapter is helping the brothers to get an education in the true meaning of that term—the education for which they are spending some of their most valuable years as well as their money—or whether it is merely furnishing them a more or less congenial idling place when they are not otherwise wasting their time. It is this feature which concerns me most.

There is not a more powerful influence for the proper education and development of young men anywhere than that exercised by a chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon, if it is of the proper kind internally. No matter what the external environment may be, such a chapter will make its members bigger and stronger men, mentally, physically, and spiritually, than they would usually otherwise be—men better fitted for the real work of life which lies before them, and brothers true and helpful to one another. It will improve the general scholarship of its members, while not developing grinds; it will inspire ambition for new accomplishments as capabilities are developed, and it will give some insight into the economic aspect of life and some practical training in the handling of financial problems—a training which, with few exceptions, is entirely neglected by our educational system. Even such training as our colleges and universities give in economics is, for the most part, theoretical only. In short, such a chapter puts a soul into the education of its members; it makes the body of empty theorems

and dry data, which form too large a part in some of our college courses, become a living and vital force in attaining the goals toward which it continually urges its members.

Developing a fraternity to the point where its ideals are uniformly put into practice by the chapters is no small task. It requires a complete system readily workable by the executive department of the organization, and this system must be enforced. We have put such a system in operation so that the Grand Chapter may see that the local chapters are giving proper attention to the essentials of the collegiate education of their members as well as to their general development. The result has been very gratifying.

We have given considerable attention to scholarship, and I am glad I can say that the average class standing of the brothers at the chapters I visited is better than ever before. In many instances it is higher than the average for all fraternity men in the institution, and in several instances it is higher than the average for the whole institution. Attention is called to this fact, not for the purpose of complimenting any chapter, but in order to impress upon each brother the fact that scholarship is such an important aim of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and to encourage him and urge him on to greater improvement along this line, for while we have made very great improvement, we have not yet reached our goal. The fact that our efforts have shown these results will encourage us to strive still harder with a full determination to accomplish our object. Let every brother remember that the whole fraternity is watching his chapter and himself. He must do his share.

In fact, the whole fraternity system is on trial before the court of public opinion, and we must do our part—yes, more than our part—to prove beyond question that we not only develop leadership, self-confidence, executive ability, broad minds, and latent individual capabilities, but that we also increase the classroom rating of our members. While we do not aim to develop mere “scholars,” we do want men who are at least capable of taking a college education, and we want them to complete that education. That is, we want our alumni to be “college men” as distinguished from men who “went to college.” We shall succeed. Let us to the work.

Along with this message of progress and promise for the future,

I send my personal greetings to all of the brothers, and hope that the remainder of the session may be full of joy for each, and that this college year may record the greatest possible progress toward the attainment of their several hopes and ambitions.

J. CALVIN GRIFFIN,  
*Grand President Σ Φ Ε,*

Albany, N. Y., February 23, 1914.

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## A LETTER FROM OUR GRAND VICE-PRESIDENT.

Muskogee, Oklahoma, February 20, 1914.

Mr. Fred A. Price,

Editor Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal,,

Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Bro. Price:

In "Bantas Greek Exchange" for December I note that representatives of several fraternities recently met in New York City to discuss fraternity employment bureaus. It seems to me that this is a phase of fraternity work which is capable of great development and from which incalculable good would result.

In the majority of cases our fraternity brothers graduate from college and universities undecided as to where they will locate, and in many instances with no definite idea of what they want to do. Our colleges annually turn out on society thousands of graduates who have no position or means of making expenses, nor do they know where to go or how to obtain it. Then there are many brothers who are unable for some reason to "make good" where they are located but would succeed under a different environment. Frequently a brother in one section of the country would like information as to his line of work in another.

In order to get this idea started in Sigma Phi Epsilon I would suggest that you devote a page of the Journal to "men wanted" and "positions wanted" and allow our brothers both active and alumni the use of the same, a small fee might be charged.

I am well aware that Sigma Phi Epsilon is not a commercial organization and that the Journal is not a commercial organ but I feel that if in addition to the manifold advantages of the greek life

that if we can add one other, one which the man about to graduate or who has graduated, can put to a distinctly common sense, practical use, that we as a fraternity will be doing a work which will be truly helpful and fraternal.

I have had a number of inquiries from brothers about Oklahoma. I am always pleased to reply to these letters and hope that no member will hesitate to ask me for information about Oklahoma or for any assistance I may be able to render.

Fraternally,

CHAS. L. YANCEY.

*Vice-President* Σ Φ Ε.

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## THE UNIVERSITY PASTORATE MOVEMENT.

The famous ordinance of 1787 included in its provisions for the government of the Northwest Territory an important reference to education. "Religion, morality, and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and means of education shall forever be encouraged." This principle is announced that religion, being a necessary part of life, must also be a necessary element in all true education. This is a tradition which the oldest colleges of America bequeathed to our system of public and private education. Our first colleges of New England were founded on this principle and fostered by the prayers and self-denying gifts of our Puritan fathers. The newer colleges west of the Alleghanies were the outgrowth of a determined policy to provide education in institutions with religious atmosphere where, along with the usual curriculum, there might be instruction in the great fundamentals of Christian faith and morals.

But the development of State education during the past twenty-five years has raised a new problem for educators and churchmen alike. The growth of the public school and the hunger for higher education have pushed the State universities to the front, especially in our more Western States. These industrial institutions offering such a variety of courses in the sciences and arts of life have become overshadowing centres of educational life, so that university authorities these recent years have become overwhelmed with the increasing numbers seeking

higher education. How to give these masses of students individual training in "religion, morality, and knowledge," is the problem. America has no State religion and Americans who know our traditions would not have it otherwise. There can be no official and authoritative religion taught in schools and universities. How, then, can the religious needs of the students be supplied in conformity with the established plan of State supported institutions?

Church authorities feel that they have found a natural and acceptable plan to meet the pressing need. It is the policy known as the "university pastorate" movement, adopted by the leading denominations, appointing to the university work a minister who devotes his whole time to the student as a counsellor in religion; as a friend and advisor in all matters touching the latter's life and work. He endeavors to reinforce every agency in and out of the university to furnish a religious motive and power sufficient to vitalize the character and work of the student. So the university pastor must try to bring the student face to face with the meaning of life; he must convince the student of the joy and naturalness of the Christian life; he must satisfy the students' longing for vocational advice. When the university pastor succeeds in all this, naturally, the student will find a point of contact with the work and worship of the church. He will want to conserve influences that have been an important factor in early life.

We can understand from what has been said the significance of the seventh conference of church workers held at Indiana University the first week of February this year. This group of religious leaders is composed of university pastors, ministers in university centers, chancellors and professors, and secretaries of church boards of education. These men see the need of leaders who acknowledge the supremacy of Jesus in business and professional life, and who appreciate the deep meaning of His call to the educated men and women of to-day. The State, the nation, and the world, must have such leadership.

DEAN R. LELAND, *Alpha Delta Phi*,  
Hamilton Presbyterian University Pastor,  
Chairman of the Seventh Conference of Church Workers,  
Indiana University, February 3-5, 1914.

## COLLEGE FRATERNITIES AND THE Y.M.C.A.

There are at least two respects in which the college fraternity and the Young Men's Christian Association have common ground. The one is a matter of principle, the other of method.

The promotion of the spirit of brotherhood is a common purpose. It is true that two organizations are trying to do this in different ways, but in the end the results will be found to lie in the same category. The fraternity works with a restricted and more or less homogenous group, seeking an intensive development among a few men of the fraternal spirit. Men who radically differ from the accepted standards of the group are not included. Success is sought through careful choice and association of kindred spirits. The association, on the other hand, works with a very large group. Here it is the extension of the fraternal spirit rather than its intensification that is the object of the organization. No serious attempt is made to standardize the type of men among whom the association seeks to extend its benefits. Membership in the association has the very general restriction of good moral character. Instead of seeking to be of service to but one group, it takes a pride in the varied and cosmopolitan character of the men who are found in its ranks.

These two methods of working for a common end supplement each other. Loyalty to the larger group is based upon loyalty to the smaller one. While basic, yet the feeling for the smaller group should always be subordinated to loyalty to the larger group. The fraternity, then, in developing an intensive fraternal spirit of the right sort in its own group is preparing its members for a better part in the extensive expression of brotherhood in the larger university life. The association in striving for a general diffusion of the spirit of fraternity affords a channel through which the helpfulness of this spirit of kindness may be brought to those who would ordinarily be without it.

Further, there is a common ground in the recognition of the group instinct in men as a basis for association. Groups are natural to men. Similarities of qualities of character or purpose form the basis of association in the group. It is well for society that groups exist. By means of mutuality, they stimulate activity generally and lead to a



better development of character and life. As regards the Y. M. C. A. and the fraternities, common cause may be made against their common foe which can be characterized as selfishness, narrowness, immorality, and insincerity.

The fraternity can co-operate with the association, first, by the cultivation within its own ranks of the true spirit of brotherhood. This work it alone can do effectively. When the chapter fails in this, the wrong spirit arises, and we have a situation hard to get at. It is pocketed away from society in such a manner that it can only be reached by destroying the organization. Emphasis upon the consistent and sincere observance of the ritual will do much to develop the fraternal life of the chapter, for, properly used, it is one of the constructive influences of fraternity life. The pride of the chapter should be in the extent to which it develops men constructively, for the fraternity exists more for the man than does the man for the fraternity. Too frequently men are reduced by a process of more or less unconscious coercion to a certain level of character found in the organization. While it is necessary that the members have certain common qualities, yet there is a great gain to be realized in diversity of temperament. Members should not line up like so many peas set in the Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, or other fraternity pod.

Every fraternity will do well to see to it that in the house somewhere there is operative some constructive religious force. Certain wrong tendencies of group life can only be checked in this way. Fraternities are not religious organizations, but the things for which they stand spring from the spirit of true religion. It is important, therefore, that the chapter assume an attitude of encouragement, rather than the opposite, toward religious life, both individual and social. A voluntary Bible study class meeting in the house, and composed only of the men in the chapter will prove very effective in promoting a wholesome and helpful atmosphere. At this point the Y. M. C. A. will find it possible to be of assistance to the fraternity.

No man can afford to confine his college life to his professors and the twenty or thirty men of his fraternity, however congenial they may be. And no fraternity can afford to have its men do this. Nor can a man afford to confine himself to the society of Greeks. There are

scores of splendid spirits in the larger university life beyond the fraternity groups. Moving out into this larger life is of the utmost importance to the individual, to the fraternity, and to the university. Only in this way can the spirit of brotherhood be spread abroad. Right here is where the fraternity can do splendid service in the Y. M. C. A. By entering its ranks the fraternity man, who is, as a rule, well equipped for the task, can assist in the extension of the spirit of fellowship. True fellowship should broaden, rather than narrow, men. And the life of the chapter will be greatly enriched by what its members bring into it from the outside social life. Further, it might be well for the chapters to take advantage of the opportunities existent for them to show courtesy to the association. They might invite association leaders to the house to engage with them in profitable discussions on worth-while subjects. Throughout all their relationship there should be a strong spirit of co-operation ever present. It should be a case of strong men meeting strong men face to face, and if such is true, there will be neither "border, nor breed, nor birth."

Through strong personal relationship with the men of a chapter, the association can do much for the benefit of the organization. The general attitude of the association toward the fraternity should be one of constructive co-operation, rather than destructive criticism. It should constantly encourage the Greek letter men in its ranks to be loyal to their respective fraternities, while at the same time it offers them large scope for service in the university generally.

R. L. EWING, *Phi Delta Theta*,

Ohio Wesleyan,

Secretary of Y. M. C. A.,

University of Nebraska.

**ATLANTA, GA.**

November

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23-24-25, 1914

## FRATERNITY LIFE.

(A portrayal of our chapter customs and traditions. Send all similar material to the Contributing Editor. Contributions are desired from every chapter.)

### NEW YORK BETA—THE YEAR'S FESTIVITIES.

A few years ago rushing at Cornell was unorganized. There being some fifty fraternities represented here, it can easily be understood that liberty soon became license, and in their desire to secure pledgemen, the various societies went to extremes, which, were, to say the least, undignified, and have been much more violently characterized by some people. The result of this condition was the organization of the Inter-fraternity Association, and the signing of an agreement by practically every fraternity at Cornell in which certain rules for the conduct of fraternities and their members while rushing, are laid down.

At present, there are two periods for the rushing season each fall. The first, a period of ten days, might be called the rushing season proper; during the second period of three days, invitations to join may be extended to the desirable men. After September first, no fraternity man, may approach a man entering Cornell for the first time, on fraternity matters. This applies to men away from Ithaca as well as those in Ithaca. In Ithaca, fraternity men are allowed to hold no communication with the first year men, on any subject whatsoever.

After a certain date agreed upon, each fraternity is supplied with a list of every first year man in the university, and is permitted to make dinner engagements with them for not more than three evenings during the first period. During this period the new men may be entertained, but fraternity matters must be approached in no way. During the second period, cards are again sent out, and invitations extended. After the close of the second period, the rules are no longer enforced. Infractions of the rule are punished by suspension or expulsion from the Association, and the publication of the name of the fraternity, their offense, and punishment in the college daily paper.

The rushing period once over, we hold our annual formal initiation banquet, at which addresses are made by our graduates and undergraduates, and at which the initiates are instructed into their duties as members of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Though held primarily for the benefit of our new members, it is a time of reconsecration for all.

Having secured our new members, and duly initiated and instructed them, we now give our attention to other forms of duty and pleasure. Each fall it is our custom to invite all of our alumni to a house party given for their benefit. It is held at the time of one of our big foot-ball games. A large number of alumni avail themselves of this opportunity to meet the new men, get in touch with the chapter affairs, as well as to renew old friendships with the older men of our chapter.

In addition to the alumni house party we sometimes hold another house party for our friends of the opposite sex. We also customarily hold a formal dance each fall and spring.

Although it is our inflexible rule never to allow games of chance or gambling of any sort in or about the house, an exception is made each Thanksgiving in favor a raffle. As the result of this raffle one of our men is sent to Philadelphia to the Cornell-Pennsylvania foot-ball game. Of course, several of our other members attend each year, but we have followed this custom for years.

Perhaps the most joyous celebration of the year is our annual Christmas tree. After an informal banquet each member is presented with a Christmas present indicative of some peculiar trait, or of some incident of the weeks preceding. Each gift is accompanied by an appropriate verse, written by one of the committee members. This verse is read aloud, and many are the laughs at some bit of timely advice contained therein.

The greatest social event of the college year is, of course, Junior Week. At this time it is customary to hold a house party. It is also customary for each fraternity to give some function at which each of the other fraternities and their guests are invited.

Early in the spring we hold what is known among us as the "Sub-Frosh" house party. Prospective Cornellians are invited to come to

Ithaca as our guests. The purpose of this party is two-fold. It is our aim to make the new men acquainted with each other, and with the university, giving them an insight into Cornell life. This goes far towards eliminating that lonesome feeling peculiar to the new men in the fall. Our second purpose is to look the new men over and secure if possible several pledged men.

Towards the end of May we usually invite our alumni back for the crew, races and base-ball game. We usually hold a boat ride up the lake at this time.

The closing event of the year is naturally Senior Week, and is usually celebrated by a house party so that the Seiors can have their relatives and friends here for their graduation. At this time by long established custom the Seniors present a gift to the house.

Along this same line we have a candy and smoke shop in the house, and the profits are used to give a gift to the house or sometimes to help a brother in need.

We have two very important committees here in the house, the University Work Committee and the House Committee. The latter committee enforces the house rules and house policy. The former keeps track of the progress which all the brothers are making in their university work, and those brothers that are deficient are dealt with personally and separately. The committee endeavors to analyze the apparent causes for such situations and then renders the necessary aid.

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#### INDIANA ALPHA—WITH OUR PURDUE BROTHERS.

Indiana Alpha Chapter holds about eight dances yearly. At least one or two of them are given at the "Trial Pavilion" and a pic nic luncheon served. The Wabash river flows through La Fayette and it is but a short distance up the river from the city to Tecumseh's Trail, a scene of great natural beauty in the spring or fall seasons, and also a place of historical interest.

The big event of the year at our chapter, however, is the Thanksgiving dance and banquet, the dance on Thanksgiving eve and the banquet on the following afternoon. Owing to but one day's vacation at this time, but few of the members of the chapter would be able to

go home and get back in time for classes Friday, so a special celebration seems particularly in order.

We do not give an annual formal dance unless a house party is given during "Prom" time, which comes the latter part of April.

Our freshmen pledges wear the green skull caps, with vari-colored buttons, denoting their respective schools, from the opening of school until Thanksgiving, from Thanksgiving until St. Patrick's day of the next year wearing green toques, then reverting to the cap until the end of school.

A rushing season of from one to two weeks upon the opening of school in the fall is the period when we get the most of our pledges, but rushing throughout the year is done to a certain extent, sometimes merely to keep in touch with good material. In our rushing little pretentions are made to dazzle the prospective man, but he is welcomed, made to feel at home in the bunch and had over to the house or seen as much of as possible before being spoken to at all. Several smokers are given annually throughout the year and many new men invited over then.

At Purdue University fraternities are not allowed to initiate men before the first day of April, so we put our freshmen on probation for the last two weeks of March and initiate them at the end of the probation period.

Advantage is taken of the geographical situation of the city, for the Wabash river, running between East La Fayette, the city proper, and West La Fayette, where the university is located, is declared a dead line during probation. Any freshman caught on the east side of the river is given a large number of demerits, which are worked off during the "rough work" of initiation. Many are the rules a freshman must observe during probation, and their non-observance carries a penalty of a certain number of demerits for each, the working off of which with the old hickory paddles is a memory lasting well up into the junior year.

During this time a freshman must—

1. Not talk to girls or women of any age.
2. Not go over town except by special permission.
3. Not sit on davenport, play cards, smoke or play the piano.

4. Must address all upper classmen as "Sir."
5. Must step off walk upon approach of upper classmen, doff caps and ask respectfully to carry the latter's books for him.
6. Must report each night at 9 o'clock in the house and then "go on silence" for the remainder of evening.
7. Must arise at 6 o'clock each morning, *cuckoo* in the dormitory at 7 and 7:15 A. M., then raise the fraternity banner on the flag pole while singing some patriotic melody.
8. During the last few days of probation the freshmen are "on silence" altogether, and may not speak at all unless by special permission. Neither dare they at any time smile or talk at table during meals.

These are but a few of the rules laid down during probation.

It is customary at Purdue University to have an annual fraternity lecture course. A weekly schedule is made out whereby some faculty member takes dinner at each fraternity house on some mutually convenient date, and after dinner gives the fellows a short informal talk on some leading topic of the day or other interesting subject. This course serves to bring students and instructors closer together, as they meet on a different social plane and is a very helpful and worthy thing.

One of our house rules most rigidly enforced is the 7:30 quiet rule. This provides for the cessation of all noise and rough house at 7:30 each evening except on days which are followed by no school and provides a chance whereby a freshman may call down an offending upper classman—in safety. We also reserve the right to say whether a man may continually spend his evenings away from the house if he is very far down in his school work, and at all times we strive to make the scholarship standard of the chapter high.

Indiana Alpha hopes to build a chapter house within the next few years, and therefore the custom has been established that upon graduation each senior signs notes to the value of \$100 (one hundred dollars), payable yearly in sums of \$10. We thereby hope to raise our building fund mainly through the chapter alumni. Although this system has been in use but a few years, it is already showing satisfactory results.

At the first of each year a daily schedule is made out and each freshman assigned his work for each day, alternating upon weekly and Sunday mail, the dog, building fires, telephone and other small duties about the house. This is the duty of the freshman work boss, and he also makes special assignments for any work he desires done.

There are other customs peculiar to the chapter, but these comprise the principal ones.

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## OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE EIGHTH CON- CLAVE OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

Whereas, the Constitution of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity empowers the Executive Committee to set a time and place for the Conclave of the Fraternity; and

Whereas, the Executive Committee has decided upon Atlanta, Ga., as the place, and Monday, November 23d, as the date for the opening session of the Eighth Conclave of the Grand Chapter of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity; therefore, be it

*Ordained*, That the said Conclave meet on the said date, and continue, from day to day, until all business which comes regularly before it has been disposed of.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,  
W. L. Phillips, *Grand Secretary*.

<p><b>Atlanta, Georgia</b> <b>NOVEMBER</b> <b>23-24-25,</b> <b>1914</b></p>
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## OUR BADGE

May this be construed, not in the spirit of vaunting or boasting, but rather as complimentary to the aesthetic and selective taste of our founders; for they devised better than they dreamed, and this badge, which we, as Sigma Phi Epsilon, are privileged to wear, is a typical example of their discrete and discriminative minds.

I submit, in successive form, the five following reasons for its superiority: In the first place, it is simple in design, and simplicity is the chief constituent of sublimity.

It is small in size; some other fraternity pins are so large and clumsy in appearance that they look like signboards, especially when adorning the breast of a fair fiancée.

Again, a number of badges have sharp or jointed projections, which are very destructive to wearing apparel; they catch easily on other objects, and are thereby torn from their grasp.

Our badge, also, has a distinctive shape—the shape of the heart. At least eight national fraternities have as their insignia some form of a shield. About the same number have some monogram arrangement. There are also several diamond-shaped pins, and no less than seven representing some form of a cross.

Finally, the shape of the pin is exceedingly significant. Though only Sigma Phi Epsilons will ever know its true significance, yet to only a casual observer, being as it is the reproduction of the heart, it must make a deep impression. The golden heart might be emblematical of a number of beautiful interpretations, and affords an unexcelled insignia for ritualistic work.

E. A. LAUTERBACH,  
*Iowa Alpha.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Editor-in-Chief has changed his address, and hereafter all material, letters or matters of business in connection with our fraternity *Journal* should be addressed: *Fred A. Price, P.-O. Box 144, Lawrence, Kansas.*

Since February 1st, 1914, the Editor has been in Lawrence, where he has accepted a position as Manager of Circulation on the *Lawrence Daily Journal-World*.

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At this time we wish to announce that the May issue will be a *Chapter Number*, the same as the May issue of last year. Each chapter will be expected to furnish a late group photograph or cut to be used in that issue. If your chapter has not as yet had a group picture taken, do so at once, and forward same to the Editor, P.-O. Box 144, Lawrence, Kansas.

This is a large undertaking, and, as last year, the chapters will be expected to help finance the issue by paying the actual cost of the cut. *Beware of delays.*

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## N O T I C E

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### Important Change of Address

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New Address of the Editor-in-Chief and Business Manager  
of the Journal is :

FRED A. PRICE, P. O. Box 144, Lawrence, Kansas

New Address of the Fraternity Grand Secretary is :

W. L. PHILLIPS, 602 Times-Dispatch Bldg., Richmond, Va.

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## EDITORIALS

We have articles in the present issue covering topics which should be of interest to all our sincere members. They treat of things which should be of especial value to all who are earnestly

AS TO OUR seeking to make Sigma Phi Epsilon stand for all  
CONTRIBUTORS. that is worth while in college and in after-life. The article dealing with the University Pastorate Movement is kindly furnished by the Rev. Dean R. Leland, Alpha Delta Phi, Hamilton. He is the man who presided at the Seventh National Conference of Church and Student Workers at Indiana University last month. He is as well qualified to speak on this matter as any man in the country. We are indeed fortunate to be favored with a contribution from his pen.

One of the greatest institutions connected with the American colleges is the student Y. M. C. A. It is, therefore, highly fitting that, being a college institution ourselves, we should, as a fraternity, consider our relationship to the association. So the article, "College Fraternities and the Y. M. C. A." has been solicited. The writer is Mr. R. L. Ewing, the student secretary of the association at the University of Nebraska. He is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan, a member of Phi Delta Theta, and for some years was engaged in Christian work in India. The article on Madrid is by our own brother, Willis J. Plummer, D. of C. Alpha. He is at present connected with the American embassy in Spain. He is ever a willing contributor to our pages, and will be remembered as the writer of other interesting articles that have appeared in the *Journal* heretofore.

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# ATLANTA, GEORGIA

November, 23-24-25

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Again the annual call of Sigma Phi Epsilon for new men to help in the expansion of our worthy efforts has been issued, and has brought as a result some hundreds of OUR NEW "pledges," the majority of whom are just BROTHERS-AT-ARMS. enjoying or struggling through the trials for the first year of college. How shall we welcome this great influx of new raw material? How may we mould and fashion it into big, manly Sigma Phi "Eps"? Those are the questions that are often, oddly enough, lost sight of by the chapters in their anxiety to solve what seem to be far weightier matters—problems of alumni organization, and the like.

And yet, in neglecting our new and younger brothers, in failing to give them all the help possible, are we not making a great, certainly an unreasonable, mistake? Not that the writer is for making "molly-coddles" of the first-year men, or for making them feel, as they, too, often do, that they are of the last importance in the college-at-large. No! But surely we should at least show them common courtesy, and should stand ready to aid them at every turn.

All college men realize that the first year is really of the greatest importance. A good start, then, is one-half the battle. With this in mind, let all the older brothers take a keen interest in every member of the freshman delegation, and the result will be threefold; the older and more experienced brother will have the satisfaction that is of the purest and sweetest grade, that of doing something really worth while for his fraternity; the freshman will soon profit by the wise counsel so given him, and will come to feel the spirit of brotherliness back of it all; and the fraternity itself will be prouder and prouder of its new charges as the years roll by, well knowing that its direction and guidance are in safe and worthy hands for a long time to come.

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Are the fraternities making good? This is a question that is being asked a great deal these days of anti-fraternity legislation, and it is a question that must be answered in the affirmative if the fraternities are to continue their existence.

GOOD  
ENDORSEMENT. This question was recently asked the members of Nebraska Alpha by a Missouri man whose son

had been invited to pledge to the chapter. To them to be, and that they really stood for the highest in college life, the chapter began looking up its references. Half a dozen of the professors and a number of the parents of the members were referred to the man investigating. They all spoke well of the boys, and the result was that the father favored his son's pledging. Two letters written by parents of the boys are printed below.

We believe the anti-fraternity legislation and agitation would fall of its own weight if the parents of every "frat" man were able to testify as these Nebraska parents have. In giving the letters here the names given are not the names of the parties concerned. Otherwise, the letters are printed as originally framed.

Here is a letter written by a mother living in one of the smaller Nebraska towns:

—————, Nebraska,  
February 4th, 1914.

Mrs. K. B. Maxwell, M——, Mo.:

My Dear Mrs. Maxwell,—I am in receipt of a letter from my son, who is a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity at Lincoln. He writes me that the boys there are anxious that your son become a member of the fraternity, but he feels you are not quite satisfied about his joining.

I am writing you to say that two weeks ago I had the privilege of calling at the house to visit with the boys for a short time, and I certainly was very favorably impressed. They were courteous, gentlemanly, in every sense of the word, and I consider them as fine a bunch of young men as I have ever met.

I was also pleased to note the neatness of the surroundings. It is all one could ask for, and I would much prefer having my boy there than at a private boarding-house. I am glad, too, that he has the pleasant association of these young men.

I understand the requirements of the fraternity compel them to do justice to their school work, and that they are under certain restrictions at all times, which is, I believe, a good thing. As a mother, I could not advise anything but what I believe right, and I am,

Very sincerely yours,                      MRS. R. H. PERKINS.

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The father who wrote the following was once at the head of the public school system of Nebraska. While in this position he was an active opponent of fraternities, and was ever ready to advocate their suppression. His letter is the testimony of a convert.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF EDUCATION,  
WASHINGTON.

DIVISION OF  
RURAL EDUCATION.

February 9, 1914.

Mr. K. B. Maxwell, M——, Mo.:

Dear Sir,—My son, a senior at the University of Nebraska, has written me about your son, Ned, in whom he is greatly interested. Dan wants Ned to join his fraternity, the Sigma Phi Epsilon. He tells me that you would like to hear from some of the parents of boys in this fraternity.

I am not a member of any college fraternity. At one time I was opposed to these fraternities. But I am convinced that this fraternity has been a benefit to my two sons—Dan and Roy. Roy was only a freshman when he joined; he was not a boy who hurt himself by overstudy; in fact, he was inclined to neglect his work sometimes. I know this fraternity has a good influence on him, and I am sure it has helped Dan in many ways.

In my opinion, the college fraternity offers the best opportunity for young men to select good associates.

In the good old days when all colleges were small and every student knew all the other students, the college fraternity was not of such importance as it is now, but, take the University of Nebraska, with from 3,000 to 4,000 students: it is very difficult for the young man to select his associates with proper discretion and prudence. The reputable fraternity selects its members with great care.

To be sure, college fraternities are like individuals—some are good, some are otherwise. Some good people are opposed to secret societies like the Odd Fellows, the Masons, and the Knights of Pythias. You will find good and bad people even in the churches—even some ministers go wrong. “Not every one that crieth, ‘Lord, Lord, shall enter the Kingdom.’”

But this question of college fraternities is one which every parent must settle for himself. Different persons often see the same subject in a different light. Knowing what the Sigma Phi Epsilon has done for my own sons, I can give it my unqualified endorsement.

Very truly yours,

A FATHER.

Have You Elected Your Delegate  
to go to Atlanta

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## EXCHANGES

From *The Delta Upsilon Quarterly* we take the following short account of the address of President Rhees, of the University of Rochester, before the convention of  $\Delta \Upsilon$ , last October:

"The address of President Rhees directed itself to the question whether the fraternities of to-day are the true heirs of those of the days when the romantic in literature and the idealistic in philosophy offered themselves as foundations for the establishing of those little groups of men from whose societies have sprung the great institutions that college fraternities now are. And when President Rhees answered his own question, we were once more reminded of what was before us:

"If the fraternity of two generations ago becomes a social club of to-day, I think the anti-fraternity movement is bound to grow, and I am not at all sure that I would not join it myself.

"If the fraternity of to-day is to be the loyal child of the fraternity of two generations ago, there is no influence in the college life of America at the present time, so wholesome, so strong, and so full of promise."

And we take from the same periodical an excerpt from the address of Mr. Clifford G. Roe, Michigan, '99, likewise delivered at the convention:

"You know when the colleges are filled with fraternities, and there are rumors of a new chapter coming, even the fraternity men try to stifle the coming of a new chapter. I believe we ought to face about and take a different attitude toward them. I believe we will make the influence of fraternity men more public if we will make more fraternities. I would not care if every man in college was a fraternity man, because I believe it would help to make him a better man. So let us help it on, instead of stifling it.



"We must remember that all men are created equal, and that we must give the non-fraternity men an equal show.

"Fellows, democracy is not a difficult thing. A democracy in colleges will not be difficult for us if we will just be willing to brush shoulders with a non-fraternity man. It will not hurt us to invite him around to our chapter house, to show him that we are not a bunch of snobs, but that we are banded together for a purpose—the purpose of making the chapter man a better man; of helping each man to live a better life in every way, in college and out."

And the closing words of Dr. William C. Wilcox, Dean of the Liberal Arts of Iowa State University, who acted as toastmaster of the banquet at that convention, are so interesting that we must reproduce them here:

"I have found in the twenty-five years since I graduated some things, and one is this: That no man who has been a member of a chapter of any fraternity, Delta Upsilon or any other, can go out into the world as an alumnus, whatever his vocation or his avocation may be, and look back upon his college days and his membership in the active chapter, or ever make a reference to it with anything like a patronizing sneer.

"The alumni among the fraternity are going to be the watchword of fraternity success, and if the fraternity life does show a little tendency to substitute dancing for scholarship, that is letting the heels run the head. The remedy is going to be the influence of the alumni upon the fraternity and of the fraternity upon the active chapters."

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As several fraternities and sororities have recently given notice, by legislative action at their conventions, that members of high school fraternities will not be initiated into these college societies, the idea seems to have gone forth that the college fraternities are unanimously opposed to the high school fraternity. Such is not the

case, however, and from *Beta Theta Pi* we take the following item, which gives some views in opposition to such action:

"It is now suggested that the fraternities should further cripple themselves by forbidding their chapters to invite to their ranks any student who has previous to attending college belonged to a high school fraternity. We thoroughly sympathize with the attitude taken by many college and fraternity authorities on this question. In many places in the Central Western States there is no greater nuisance in college than the student who has belonged to a high school 'Frat.' He thinks that the fraternities have nothing to offer him in the way of novelty and interest; that his previous experience in the high school organization has given him all knowledge necessary concerning matters of administration relating to such organizations, and he is apt to carry into a fraternity chapter a spirit of criticism and indifference which is oftentimes fatal to its unity and strength. But the difficulty with the situation is that fraternity workers and others who are confronted with this type of high school 'frat' man generalize from the conditions with which they have become familiar and apply them to the whole country, not knowing or not caring to know that in some parts of the United States fraternities among secondary school students are serving a useful purpose and do not develop the unpleasant type of boy above referred to. This is a matter about which we think the fraternities should proceed very slowly and cautiously. There are colleges which largely draw their students from institutions provided with fraternities of this general class but which fraternities are not open to the criticisms generally made against others, and we do not think it wise that this fraternity, or any other, should deprive itself of a proper and desirable source of membership by a general prohibition based upon conditions within a limited area.

"Another phase of the situation may possibly arise. Some of these high school fraternities are well organized

and attract students of relatively mature age so that in character and membership they do not differ much from the college fraternities of fifty years ago. Suppose, finding their members excluded from this and other similar fraternities, they calmly extend the scope of their organizations to include collegiate chapters, what are we going to do about it?"

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A writer in *The Shield* of  $\Phi K \Psi$  advocates a campaign of education among the non-fraternity men and women, in order to inform them of the "inside facts" about fraternities, and we have clipped a portion of the article, giving this writer's arguments and suggestions, which are indeed worthy of careful study by every fraternity man:

"The sincere agitator thinks the college without the fraternity will be a better place in which to live and grow, and the college is his, too. The thing to do to that kind of an opponent is to educate him. Get him to see your side, too; to be reasonable about it; perchance to agree to let you rebuild your own roof-tree. But you cannot educate him by refusing to recognize him; not if you enlist every Phi Beta Kappa man the world ever had. \* \* \* You cannot get to the point where you can make the opponent of your chapter see its essential benefits to its members unless you get near him, and you cannot get near him while you are refusing to recognize him or his sincerity or his honesty. \* \* \* Do you deny to the non-fraternity man who lives in your college the right to observe and criticize and feel indignant about the defects of fraternities in that place as they appear to him, and probably would to you, if you got far enough away from it to get a reflected light? I am afraid you do. You will not dicker with him, until the faculty make you. You put off settlement until you get a summons into court, and then you find you have to pay costs. That is expensive. Besides it's unwise; perhaps the sum extorted will be large; larger than settlement out of court. Reach him before that, get at his ideas before they crystallize into opinions; get him down beside you and talk it over. That's the thing that does it. Get his impressions;

for a moment what the chapter is. Is it the house, that they all come to regard as a second home? Is it your janitor, who has been with you, as ours has, for nearly thirty years, or is it the men and what they represent? What is it we are asking the alumni to be keenly interested in? I think we are agreed that it is the men and the traditions they are striving in varying degrees to maintain and better. So we are not asking for interest in inanimate things alone, but in us. And never here in college, nor in the outside world, are people going to be interested in us unless we take pains to show them that we not only desire it, but need it. \* \* \*

"We can show our alumni we care for their interest, and we can keep persistently at it, but unless we have been doing our share—which, being interpreted, means keeping the chapter up to at least the level it was in their time—why then it is easy to see we had better direct our efforts in more productive channels. Now each one of us knows the weakness in his own chapter, and the remedies for these weak spots do not come from the outside. All that we can do is to see what we can do in our respective chapters, and thus build the foundation for increasing alumni interest. \* \* \*"

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Fraternity chapters are so constantly confronted with the question of college politics that we cannot refrain from reproducing in *The Journal* every item of interest about this subject that comes to our attention. Here is an editorial which appeared in a recent issue of *The Star and Lamp* of  $\Pi K \Phi$ :

"This is one subject about which the fraternity men are criticised. In fact, it has been advanced as one of the leading arguments why fraternities should not exist. We wish to warn the men of Pi Kappa Phi not to let any of this criticism be directed towards them. Let your motto be, 'The best man in your honest opinion, regardless of the fact of his being a member of your fraternity or a non-fraternity man.' We would not hesitate to vote against one of our brothers if we

give them a fair test, and then, by your own love for your fraternity, if you find them fair, go home and drill them into your boys. Get all you can out of him, and then add something to it for yourself. It is much safer and saner, and therefore more conservative, to rebuild your own fences than to neglect them until outsiders take matters in their own hands. The home-made kind are likely to prove nearer 'horse-high, bull-strong and pig-tight,' and withal more comfortable around the shoulders. \* \* \*

"All this will not make me beloved of you. Twitting on facts has always been considered unmannerly. But at the risk of perpetual ostracism from what are, after all, my own kind, I hope, I will go a little further to quote you (and myself) some good advice: 'The well-trained man faces the evil, studies it, measures it, and then sets to work. He is well aware that nothing is perfect, and that to accomplish one thing is only to reveal another thing which needs to be done. There must be perpetual readjustment and reconsideration. What was done yesterday must be done over again in a somewhat different way. But all this does not prove the futility of effort. It only proves that the effort must be unceasing, and that it must be more and more wisely directed.' "

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Every fraternity strives to retain the interest of its members after they leave the active chapter. With many fraternities, and we include our own, the problem is not only to retain the interest of alumni, but to create, revive, and increase, the interests of alumni. Hence suggestions for the solution of this problem are valuable. According to our belief, Mac V. Edds, Amherst, '12, in an article entitled "How to Increase Alumni Interest," and published in *The Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, presents the principle that must underly all steps directed to the solution of the problem. We quote from his article as follows:

"The first thing that occurs to me is that we have got to make plain to the alumni that we care whether they keep alive and active their interest in the chapter. Stop and think

thought that some other man was the best for the place. It is not a test of brotherhood to vote for him regardless of ability. In this respect you owe even a higher duty to your college than you do to your fraternity. Vote for the man that will best suit for the good of the college.

"If you will follow this policy you will feel better by it yourself and you will be doing your fraternity more good than by proposing one of its members or voting for him consistently. Stay out of college politics if you cannot be a free agent when the time to vote comes around, is our admonition to you."

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An undergraduate, writing in *The Arrow* of  $\Pi B \Phi$ , in the department entitled "What a Fraternity Girl Thinks," has the following to say regarding "A Fraternity's Relationship to Other Fraternities and to the Freshmen":

"There is no surer, safer way to Pan-Hellenic difficulties than that over which suspicion leads us. If we expect our rivals to break rules and be generally unworthy, there is little danger of our not proving them guilty; but we may be sure, if such is our spirit, that we too are objects of suspicion, and will be caught in the same trap sooner or later. All we can do is to determine our own spirit, but if that is truly right we will not long be disappointed when looking for the same spirit in other fraternities. Just as surely as one broken rule leads to another, so surely does a generous deed beget generosity. So let us take *absit invidia* as our motto, and be generous.

"If we are friendly to all the freshmen, we will find all the freshmen wanting to be our friends. Lavish entertainment of a small group is bound to cause more or less trouble in the main body, if a quiet spirit of friendliness is not manifested also. Be nice to the lonesome little freshman who is not being rushed, and if the deed is not reward enough in itself, remember that you are winning a friend for the cause."

The overcoming and off-setting of fraternity opposition is, after all, the work of the individual fraternity member. *The Angelos* of K Δ speaks editorially on this question as follows:

“There is one resolution \* \* \* that the whole Greek world should make and *not* break. To make his own life a contradiction to anti-fraternity talk. This applies to active and alumnae alike. If you are *active*—make the non-fraternity student your friend. Let there be no distinction. Condemn snobbishness. Take part in college activities. Strive for high scholastic rank. If you live in a chapter house, make it “open house”—a gathering place for fraternity and non-fraternity students, co-operate with the faculty and prove that fraternities are a stimulus, rather than a hindrance, to a well-balanced college career. If you are *alumnae*—uphold the ideals of your order in your daily life. Form local Pan-Hellenics and make the badge you wear symbolize charity and kindness of spirit toward the less fortunate. Keep up your interest in your own chapter and work for the fraternity as a whole. Show that your enthusiasm and interest was not for college days alone, but that it has its share in the lives of busy men and women. Do you not agree that this attitude on the part of all Greeks would have *some* influence on the world at large? This may be regarded as an ideal state, but it is a most desirable one.”

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The article of Prof. Arthur Ray Warnock, B Θ II, Assistant Dean of Men, University of Illinois, entitled “The Fraternity House in Order,” published in *The Signet of Φ Σ K*, contains so many good points that we feel desirous of printing the whole of it, and, with due apologies and thanks to *The Signet*, we have taken the liberty of copying it in full below:

“Without judging at all the relative value of the arguments in favor of and apposed to the existence of the fra-

ternity as a feature of our college life, I may call attention to what may be a necessary safeguard to any strong position the fraternity adherents may take. By this I mean the strong necessity that the fraternities must find to see that their house is in order, to see that they are actually doing what they claim to be organized to do when they point to the high ideals of their rituals, traditions, and precepts.

"When the blow falls it will fall upon fraternity practices, not upon fraternity ideals. The arguments which attack the principle of the college fraternity can be successfully answered, and have in the long history of college fraternities repeatedly been answered. Modern society demands social organization, and gets it in a hundred ways; the college fraternity is perfectly normal. College faculties recognize as eminently worthy and beneficial the ideals and precepts of the college fraternity as originally organized. The idea of the early founders was sound, and is to-day sound. Fraternity adherents may well ignore attacks made on the main issue. There will be many such attacks, but they will not be of the dangerous kind.

"The weak place in the defense will be not in the preaching, but in the practice. Do our fraternities ring true to their ideals? Is the faith of the founders still the creed of the neophyte? Honor, honesty, loyalty, uprightness, charity, sentiment, scholarship, ambition—all of these qualities, esteemed in the rituals, are thought precious in college young men still. Are they thought well of, sought after by the present day fraternity men? The ceremony of the ritual is kept, is its spirit alive?

"Even the most loyal friends of the fraternity must confess that the practice is often weak; that many of the chapters, either as chapters or as individual members, are far, far away from the faith. I have been in some chapters where the reading of their ritual must be a hollow mockery, a bit of delicious irony to the keen-witted members. Some chapters are carrying enormous handicaps of affiliations with drinking



clubs, political cliques and enervating dancing societies, to say nothing of the heavy drag of the loafer and the flunker. Let these chapters answer this question, 'Cut loose from your connections of this kind, do you still find something in your fraternity that is enjoyable and attractive?' If the answer is no, the fraternity is doomed. If the answer is yes, as in most cases it will be, the chance for survival is good.

"Granting, then, that the fraternities must set their house in order, must take a position firmly entrenched among the ideals and precepts of their rituals, how may this be done, how may they thus safeguard themselves? My answer would be, by the method that is as old as the hills, the method that is called 'catechism' in our religious life, the method that is called 'civics' in the study of our national life.

"In brief, I would urge a return to the sincere respect for the ceremony of the ritual, the singing of chapter songs, the study of fraternity history, the wholesome daily intercourse of members with the idea of brotherhood uppermost, and especially the attention to the chapter meeting, with its proper solemnity, its grave consideration of mutual affairs, and its heart-warming 'talk around.' Here we have at our service a powerful, highly organized institution, full of beautiful traditions, rich history, and inspiring ideals. Why not depend upon it more? If the peculiar forms and ceremonies of the college fraternity ever meant anything at all (and they most certainly did), if secrecy, mystery, brotherhood, coupled with lofty aims, peculiarly stimulate the youthful mind (and they certainly do), then why not employ them to do what now seems needed to be done?

"To set one's house in order is not easy always. It cannot be done by resolution alone. I have seen many pitiful attempts made where the intention was good but the method hopeless. Many a discouraged chapter officer has come to me and said:

"'Why is our chapter so poor? I talk to them, I scold them, I plead with them, but, no! they do not grow better.'

Often I've said to these men:

"Go home, get out your ritual and study it. Your fraternity stands for something. What is that? You are a part of a gigantic idea. What is it? You don't know. How can you hope to be a good chapter when you don't know for what you stand? The founders of your ritual service used the words *honor*, or *fidelity*, or *God*, or *country*, or *liberty*. Why? Why not the word *cat*, or *dog*, or *jellyfish*?"

"They go away, and some time later return and say:

"I've studied our ritual, and I know now that we stand for a worthy thing. But there is no place in our harum-scarum life for the reading of the ritual. The fellows would laugh, or refuse to listen; they'd rather sing at the piano, or play cards."

Then one must answer, so patiently:

"Once in the history of your fraternity these things did mean something to men just like you; once the grip of the hand, singing the same songs that are in your chapter song-book, looking at the same ritual service so moved these men that they made your fraternity what it is to-day, big and powerful. If these things appealed to men once, and not only once, but millions of times, why not trust that the same old appeal will be made again? Give it time and opportunity. Do as those men did, study and practice their ways, give your far-famed fraternity spirit a chance."

"If a hard test comes, much of the support must come from the old members, from the alumni who for one reason or another have attained positions of influence. When the appeal is made to them by the frightened chapters, the query will come back, 'What is this idea you wish me to defend? Is it the fraternity idea that I knew when I was in college, or is it something different?' If the fraternities get any help from their alumni at all that is not half-hearted or useless, we must be able to answer, 'We are keeping the faith. We are asking you to come to the support of the idea that

brightened and strengthened your own college life—the idea that is ours to-day, too.’

“This kind of talk sounds ridiculous, I know, to the uninitiated. But those of us who have known happy, helpful fraternity days know, I’m sure, what the potent factor of those days was, and we must agree that it was this, or something like this. And so, as I have said, without passing upon the merits of the question, I may simply observe that the strongest position the fraternities may take is this early, lasting idea of the founders, and that a necessary safeguard of holding this position is to be able to point to a house in order.”

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*The Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, in commenting upon the action of Σ K admitting to some of its convention meetings last July representatives of other Greek-letter societies, and also “non-Greeks with college degrees,” says:

“Note that non-Greeks were included. If every fraternity convention held during the next two years would hold such an inter-fraternity session, inviting local non-Greeks, a big step would be taken toward spiking the guns of ‘the opposition.’

“What the fraternities need right now is publicity to show the world that at heart we are right. We can no longer be so exclusive that we do not let the public know what we are striving for.”

And in commenting upon anti-fraternity legislation, the same publication says:

“It is encouraging to find an optimistic note. Nevertheless, we will not regret that the matter has stirred up such excitement, for two good things will have been the result. The more rapid development of the Pan-Hellenic spirit is one. In these days of co-operation and consolidation, the fraterni-

ties must join the movement. Our interests are identical, so we can well co-operate in their advancement.

"The other good thing, which must be co-incident with the first, is the growth of alumni interest and control. With increase in the interest of alumni it is natural that they should take control of the fraternities. In some cases they have already done so. The Gossip knows of one fraternity, wherein the chapters send three delegates to convention, two undergraduates and one alumnus, and the alumni delegates from the chapters and also the delegates from the alumni clubs may vote on all questions, including the admission of chapters."

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"Don't try to grab all the school offices for your chapter. Don't stoop to tricks or deals in order to beat some more deserving man who belongs to another frat. Honor your men with college offices where they deserve it, but never forget that your chapter, and your fraternity, is only a small circle in a far larger one, the one great national fraternity, the brotherhood of man."—*The Teke* of T K E.

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The *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* presents to the Greek world a proposition, and in order to present the matter fully we have quoted extensively from an editorial in a recent number, as follows:

"We hesitate to suggest a conviction which we have long entertained concerning the relations which, in our judgment, should now exist between the various national college fraternities. But we feel constrained now to yield to the desire for utterance and we propose to ask the Greek world to seriously consider a proposition which at first blush is likely to be regarded as novel as well as startling.

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"The history of the past year affords splendid examples of the number, force and vigor of our enemies. The Greek

system is on trial. It is engaged in a contest for its very existence. Legislatures, faculties and trustees are alike determined to abolish or curtail it.

"Candid men must and do admit that some counts in the bill of indictment are true. Although we have changed radically during the past decade or more, we have not entirely eradicated the evils of the system. As years come and go it is altogether likely that we shall greatly improve the conditions concerning which complaint is made; for, with the agitation against us, has come an awakening of the conscience and spirit of the Greek world that has sturdily and aggressively demanded and secured a reform that is as lasting as it is effective.

"But the great difficulty facing us lies in the fact that too frequently the respectable fraternities are punished for their less respectable neighbors. One chapter at any university may give every other chapter at that institution a black eye and conceivably cause the abolishment of all fraternities at that point. How can we of another fraternity control the action of that one recalcitrant chapter? We are interested in its actions; for they affect us; yet we cannot control them. If the chapter persists in its course it may ruin us as well as itself; yet we must stand by powerless and see the whole edifice brought down upon us. We may be ever so desirous of securing and holding the good opinion of the barbarian world and may direct all our energies to that end. But what avail-eth it if our neighbor, refusing to see the light, follows a course antagonistic to the best opinion of the day? Will the public discriminate between us and the others? Will it not refuse to classify us but rather visit both with its condign punishment. William R. Baird, than whom none is more competent to advise, suggests that the fraternities install more chapters to the end that more men may secure their benefits and thus discount the thread-worn argument of aristocracy. Alpha Tau Omega is willing to do this very thing, not that it desires to expand for its own sake, but because it realizes the

force of the recommendation and is pledged to the common cause of the Greek world. But who will do likewise? And what will the Greek world generally say of us? Will not the exclusive seven or eight chaptered fraternities, mostly of eastern origin, wrap themselves snugly in their rarified atmosphere of utmost complacency and point to Alpha Tau Omega as the horrible example of unfettered and unrestrained ambition and unhealthy growth?

"In fine, what reward is there for the fraternity that pursues a course that will assure the good will of the barbarian world? And what punishment is there for the unsocial fraternity that, refusing to recognize its obligations to the Greek world, will not join the common cause and by its actions jeopardizes the whole system?

"The question suggests the remedy. Fraternities must unite. Those who are willing to do the right thing must organize against the evil doers and against those who will do nothing for the common cause. The central organization must be given ample powers to legislate and to enforce its legislation. It must have the power to restrain all actions on the part of any fraternity that tends to bring the system into disrepute.

"The idea is not a mere vision, an unpractical, idle dream, the thing can be done. We have already created an instrument with which, with enlarged powers, we can easily accomplish all that we aim to do. The Interfraternity Conference has now passed into the fifth year of its existence. While not securing any great advantage for the Greek societies it has yet taught them that there is a common basis upon which they can meet and discuss the matters in which all are vitally interested. Let us take another step forward. Instead of making that body a mere debating society with the functions of an advisor to the Greek world, let us confer upon it such powers as are appropriate for carrying into effect the results of its deliberations. It should be given executive, legislative and judicial functions, without limit as to their extent, and

operative upon each constituent member of the Greek world. No society will grant to any external body the management of its internal affairs and no one would seriously suggest that they do so, but to ask them to grant to a central body, which is the creature of all, the power to regulate the affairs of all insofar as their several actions may injure the balance is not asking more than a recognition of the plan upon which the Confederation became the United States of America, preserving to the States the regulation of their domestic affairs while conferring vast powers upon the common agent in the regulation of the affairs that affect the common welfare.

"The most potent of the many objections we shall expect to notice consists in the method of punishing the recalcitrant fraternity. There are two: expulsion from the Conference, and boycotting. Once the Interfraternity Conference is in possession of adequate powers membership in it will carry as a privilege a prestige that no society will willingly forego. Expulsion will mean a deprivation of its privileges as well as a loss of caste among its fellow-Greeks. By requiring the remaining members to boycott the expelled one the Conference will have created a corrective at once efficacious and proper. Indeed, if we properly understand the methods employed by the women's Pan-Hellenic organization its strength consists in precisely this power of enforcing its decrees.

"We have said enough to indicate in a general way our views upon a subject which we are persuaded is of transcendental importance to the Greek world. At a later date we may take occasion to amplify the matter."

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"One occasionally hears the small college spoken of slightly by the student from the large university. But in the small college, with its greater percentage of fraternity men, one finds deeper affection for the college, firmer loyalty to the fraternity, stauncher friendship in the chapter and less by far, if any, of the snobbishness, which is doing so much at present to stimulate public opposition to fraternities."—*The Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

"At the risk of being tiresome we again urge our chapters to do what they can to promote the organization of local interfraternity conferences. They need not be formed solely to regulate rushing. This is an erroneous notion quite prevalent among fraternity men. They ought to be formed to promote co-operation and for mutual helpfulness. The rushing can be regulated later. Some chapters do not want to join such conferences. If the instances are reported to the Committee of the Inter-Fraternity Conference appointed to consider this matter it will be taken up with the authorities of the fraternity in question, because the officers of the fraternities are anxious to see such local conferences organized."—*Beta Theta Pi*.

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"A prominent alumnus of a college and member of a fraternity recently said before a bunch of college men that he was indebted to his fraternity for his ability to speak to an audience. This he said he gained in his early attempts at speaking before the 'fellows' of his fraternity. To-day he is a polished and eloquent orator. Yet there are 'wags' who say that fraternities never do any good."—*The Star and Lamp* of  $\Pi K \Phi$ .

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"When we shall become honest with ourselves and Greek true to Greek, then it must follow as the night the day, we cannot be false to the uninitiated world."—*The Arrow* of  $\Pi B \Phi$ .

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The Ten Commandments have received many interpretations. Now we have them in a form especially adapted to the college fraternity. Miss Annette B. MacKnight, of  $A O \Pi$ , in *To Dragma* of  $A O \Pi$ , is the authoress of the following adaptation:

"I. Thou shalt not make a graven image of thy fraternity and bore others by inconsiderate praise thereof.

"II. Thou shalt not bow down to thy fraternity nor serve



it blindly. Thou shalt rather seek constantly to improve.

"III. Thou shalt not take in vain the names of other fraternities, nor strive to exalt thine by casting odium upon others.

"IV. Remember thy fraternity meeting and absent thyself not.

"V. Honor thy fraternity precepts and strive earnestly to exemplify them.

"VI. Thou shalt not exclude others from membership for petty or personal reasons.

"VII. Thou shalt not gossip concerning thy fraternity sisters.

"VIII. Thou shalt not steal thy neighbor fraternities' pledges nor break thy Pan-Hellenic rules.

"IX. Thou shalt not slander thy Pan-Hellenic neighbors.

"X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor fraternities' wordly goods; thou shalt not covet their pledges; nor their scholarship; nor their ability; nor anything that is thy neighbor fraternity's! Thou shalt instead strive earnestly to emulate in all the worthy aspects thou lackest."

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"Scholarship cannot be had in an immoral house. And with scholarship comes the problem of wasted time. And a big one, too. How shall we get the men to study. You obviously cannot make a man study. But by eliminating some of the counter attractions he is likely to study more. So I advise that loafing in each others' rooms be stopped; that card playing be prohibited except at certain hours; that all disturbance be eliminated."—*Delbert G. Girton in The Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

## COLLEGIATE

"The University of Pennsylvania is offering special opportunities to teachers of Philadelphia and neighboring towns to do regular college work at hours convenient for themselves in the afternoons and evenings and Saturday mornings. It now also offers similar work in towns too far removed from Philadelphia for students to reach the university during the regular afternoon hours. A number of outside courses, known as 'Extra Mural Courses,' have therefore been established in Wilmington, Del., Trenton, and Atlantic City, N. J., and Norristown, Reading and Frankford, Pa. The university plans to offer similar courses at any place where a sufficient number of teachers can form a group desiring work in a particular subject, and it is hoped that this movement will bring the university's opportunities within the reach of many public school teachers."—*The Scroll of Φ Δ Θ*.

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"Athletic expenses of colleges in the United States amount to more than \$1,000,000,000 a year, but the major portion of the money does not go to pay for physical exercises of the students. This information was contained in the report of Dr. H. Shindle Wingert, director of physical education of Ohio State University, which was received by the athletic authorities of Indiana University last month.

"The majority of students attending the American colleges do not take the physical exercise necessary to keep their bodies in a healthful condition, the report says. Dr. Wingert shows that of 111,600 students in 150 institutions, only 18,339 participate in the athletic games, while in non-varsity games 45,387 men take part. On the sports not placed under the direction of colleges only \$71,000 is spent annually.

"Out of 143 colleges taking part in intercollegiate sports, 37 per cent. take no interest in fostering any type of physical exercise, according to the report. Fifty-one per cent. try to create love for sports by promoting football, baseball, basketball and other games. Twenty-one per cent give corrective exercises; 14 per cent. hygienic

lectures; 5 per cent. require swimming and 2 per cent. teach dancing.

"Dr. Wingert's investigation is part of the program being carried on by colleges to have all students participate in some form of athletic exercise."—*The Wheeling Daily News*.

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"On October 29 George Washington University conferred a degree, unique in the history of the university, when it invested Mr. E. H. Sothern with the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters.

"This is the first time that this university has conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters for 'the portrayal of the drama.' We feel that George Washington has taken a commendable step in placing the dramatic art in the rank of scholarly professions. The drama as enacted by Mr. Sothern, affords a wide field for research, and easily takes its place in the work of social uplift."—*Sigma Kappa Triangle*.

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"The University of Virginia library, at the beginning of the present session, contained 80,000 volumes. In the last few years it has been enhanced by a number of substantial gifts, including several valuable private libraries. The Wellford collection of medical classics was added last year, as was a large number of books dealing with the negro of the South, whose purchase was made possible by the donation of a sum of money by Arthur Curtiss James, of New York. The latest acquisition is now being assembled. It consists of 3,300 volumes bequeathed the university library by the late Dr. Bennett W. Green, who died in July. In addition to his books, Dr. Green left approximately \$150,000 for the enrichment of his alma mater's library."—*The Scroll of Φ Δ Θ*.

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Francis Wayland Shepardson, B Θ II, Associate Professor of American History in the University of Chicago, and chairman of the Inter-Fraternity Conference, has been given leave of absence by the University Board of Trustees to visit the Philippine Islands and lecture before the Teachers' Assembly which meets in Baguio, the summer capital. Professor Shepardson will give courses in his par-

presenting the subject. This is Dr. Shepardson's second visit to the ticular field of American history and in the most effective methods of Islands as a lecturer before the Teachers' Assembly. He is expected to return late in the summer.

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"Material for a new song book for the University of Chicago is being rapidly collected, and many new features, it is said, will be included in the book. Among these will be the 'Alma Maters' of all the universities in the Western Conference. The book will probably be published early in March."—*The University of Chicago News Letter*.

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## HELLENIC

### FRATERNITY EXPANSION.

Α Τ Ω—Pennsylvania State College.

Β Θ ΙΙ—Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Utah.

Δ Υ —Iowa State College.

Φ Κ Ψ'—Iowa State College (re-establishment).

ΙΙ Κ Φ—Georgia School of Technology.

Θ Χ—Hampden-Sidney College.

Κ Ψ' (Med.)—Medical Department of George Washington University and the Medical Department of the University of Louisville.

Α Δ ΙΙ—Hanover College, Wittenberg College, and University of California.

Α Γ Δ—Boston University.

Φ Μ—University of Texas, University of Missouri, Whitman College, and Adelphi College.

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"The merger of three law fraternities, which was accomplished at Chicago, on September 27, is the largest combination of fraternities on record. The fraternities involved were: Δ Φ Δ, founded, 1900, at Cleveland Law School; Α Κ Φ, founded, 1902, at the law school of

Northwestern University, and  $\Theta \Lambda \Phi$ , founded, 1903, at the law school of Dickinson College. The name of the combined fraternity is  $\Delta \Theta \Phi$ —a very good set of letters, as  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has found, though we prefer our own sequence.

“According to the 1912 edition of *Baird's Manual*,  $\Delta \Phi \Delta$  had 8 chapters and 718 members;  $\Lambda K \Phi$ , 8 chapters and 337 members;  $\Theta \Lambda \Theta$ , 15 chapters and 868 members; total 31 chapters and 1938 members. The combined fraternity, however, now has 32 chapters. It is remarkable that the three fraternities that consolidated had chapters in the same institutions in only two places—the University of Minnesota (where  $\Delta \Phi \Delta$  and  $\Lambda K \Phi$  were established) and the Detroit Law School (where  $\Delta \Phi \Delta$  and  $\Theta \Lambda \Phi$  were established).

“Of the 32 chapters, 17 are established where  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is organized—Cornell, Union, Pennsylvania, Dickinson, Washington and Lee, Georgia, Michigan, Ohio State, Depauw, Northwestern, Chicago, Washington University, Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Washburn, Oregon.

“The periodicals of  $\varphi \Theta \Phi$  are the *Paper Book*, a monthly, and the *Syllabus*, a secret weekly publication, and the only weekly of any fraternity.

“The consolidation makes  $\Delta \Theta \Phi$  one of the largest legal fraternities. Indeed, according to Baird, there are only four other such fraternities, the number of their chapters and members, as shown by his 1912 *Manual*, being as follows:  $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ , founded 1860, at the law department of the University of Michigan, 47 chapters, 11,011 members;  $\Delta X$ , founded 1890, at the law department of Cornell University, 21 chapters, 3254 members;  $\Phi A \Delta$ , founded 1897 by students at several Chicago law schools, 28 chapters, 2271 members;  $\Gamma H \Gamma$ , founded 1901, at the law school of the University of Maine, 7 chapters, 565 members.—*The Scroll of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$* .

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$\Sigma A E$  is now publishing in each issue of its magazine, *The Record*, a calendar. Each date on the calendar which has any significance in fraternity work is in black-face type, and underneath the calendar the special duty to be performed or the function

to be attended on any particular date is fully set forth. In an editorial *The Record* states the purpose of the calendar as follows:

"An attempt has been made to assist the chapter officers in the prompt performance of duties. We have felt that the delay in receiving chapter letters and chapter reports was due to the fact, that the exact date for the performance of each duty was not fixed in the minds of the chapter officers. While the calendar does not pretend to be absolutely complete—yet, so far as the performance of a duty upon a fixed date is concerned, we believe that it covers them all. We have also endeavored to designate the date of the various conventions and other events of interest to the Fraternity. This calendar will be printed in each issue of *The Record* during the year 1914—and if it serves its purpose—will be made a permanent feature in future years. We suggest tacking it up on the bulletin board at the chapter house."

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That the scholarship of fraternity members is not always below the average, as our opponents would have us believe, is proved by the scholastic standing of the various student groups in Miami University. *The Delta Upsilon Quarterly* gives the following figures for the year 1912-13:

Δ Υ 115.5 points; Κ Τ Σ 112.2; non-sorority women 111.4; Δ Δ Δ 110.6; Δ Κ Ε 102; non-fraternity men 97.3; Β Θ ΙΙ 95.2; Φ Δ Θ 93, and Σ Χ 88.4.

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The new Β Φ ΙΙ chapter house at Wesleyan University has been named "The Raimond Duy Baird Memorial," in memory of Raimond Duy Baird, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Raimond Baird, by whom the house was erected.

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Mr. A. B. Wellar is accountant and auditor for twenty fraternities at Cornell University. He oversees all the finances of these fraternities, installs a system of books for each fraternity, and makes a complete check of the books each month. By Mr. Wellar's

methods great sums are saved by co-operative buying, and by keeping the indebtedness of members to the chapter at a very low figure. Under Mr. Wellar's management the fraternities have been able to finish the school year without a deficit, and in many cases large sums have been paid on mortgages. So successful has Mr. Wellar's work been, that several chapter alumni associations have turned over to him the handling of the real estate accounts.

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Θ X, which has just recently entered Hampden-Sidney College, was organized at Norwich University in 1856. It was incorporated in 1888 under the laws of Massachusetts. This fraternity remained a local for 46 years. In 1902 it entered Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and it now has chapters in the University of Maine, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, New Hampshire State College, Rhode Island State College, Massachusetts Agricultural College, Colgate University, University of Pennsylvania, and Hampden-Sidney College.

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"It is always interesting to learn the fraternity affiliations of prominent college athletes. A few that have been gleaned from current exchanges may be mentioned.

"Charles E. Brickley, Harvard's famous drop-kicker, is a member of Δ Y. Eugene L. Mercer, Pennsylvania's captain last year, and All-American fullback, is also a member of Δ Y. Captain Norgren, of Chicago's Conference Championship team, is a member of Δ K E. Captain Aldworth, of the University of Minnesota football team, is a member of A T Ω. Frank D. Murphy, of Illinois, who holds the Western Conference record in the pole vault at 12 feet 6 inches, is a member of Φ Δ Θ. Φ Δ Θ reports four of her members as competing in the Olympian games at Stockholm, these being Murphy in the pole vault; Lewis Anderson, Nebraska, in the 1,500 meter race; J. I. Courtney, Washington, in the 100 and 200 meter races; Carrol B. Haff, Michigan, in the 400 meter race. Marc S. Wright, who took second place in the pole vault at the Olympian games, is a member of the Dartmouth chapter of Δ T Δ. Charles D. Reidpath, winner of the 400 meter dash, is a

member of the Syracuse chapter of  $\Sigma X$ . Edward F. J. Lindberg, who ran third in the 400 meter dash, is a member of the Illinois chapter of  $\Theta \Delta X$ . Every one knows that Christy Mathewson, of the New York Giants, is a  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ; that Jake Stahl, ex-manager of the Boston Red Sox, is a  $\Sigma X$  and Hugh Jennings, of Detroit, a  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ . Eddie Collins, of the Philadelphia Athletics, is a  $B \Theta \Pi$  from Columbia. William F. Cree, of the New York Americans, is a  $B \Theta \Pi$  from Pennsylvania State. Derrill Pratt, of the St. Louis Americans, is an  $A T \Omega$  from Alabama. Harry McCormick, of the New York Giants, is a  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  from Bucknell, which school also gave the baseball world Walter Blair, a  $K \Sigma$ , the sensational backstop of the New York Americans. In 1908 the  $K \Sigma$ 's who played professional baseball with the big leagues were: Sammy Strang Nicklin, New York Nationals, who was known professionally as Sammy Strang; Carl Lundgren, Chicago Nationals; Fred Beebe, St. Louis Nationals; Harry Pattee, Brooklyn Nationals; Frank Pfeffer, Boston Nationals; Frank Cockill, Detroit Americans, and Walter Blair, New York Americans. All but three have since been sold or traded to the minor organizations. Some, as in the case of Sammy Strang, had outlived their usefulness as ball players with fast company, although in his day Strang was the best utility player that ever donned the spangles of a National League club. The three who were with the major leagues this season were Beebe, Pfeffer and Blair. Beebe is a pitcher, and one of the best. He went from the St. Louis Cardinals to the Cincinnati Reds, and is one of the players who figured in the sensational deal between the Reds and the Phillies, which deal has not as yet been adjusted to the satisfaction of the presidents of these two clubs. "Jack" Coombs, pitcher for the Philadelphia Athletics, is a  $\Delta \Upsilon$  from the Colby Chapter. George Huff, the dean of base-ball scouts, is a member of  $K \Sigma$ ."—*Alpha Tau Omega Palm*.

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#### FRATERNITY CONVENTIONS.

"It is always interesting to read of what other fraternities are doing in the way of progressive legislation. While no very definite steps have been taken to combat the antagonistic legislation of legislature or faculty, there has been a decided unanimity of action tend-



ing to better the internal conditions in the various fraternities. Too much cannot be said about the value of high grade scholarship to accomplish both ends, but this has never been the subject of any very definite enactment of the various national bodies. However, it is gratifying to note the facts that the high school fraternity and  $\Theta N E$  were legislated against in no uncertain manner and the general college fraternities will no doubt be benefited by the lessened criticism due to the elimination of some of the causes.

"The following brief summaries have been gathered from divers sources:

"The convention of  $\Sigma X$  met at the birthplace of the fraternity, August 6-8, 1913. The attendance was 250 and Miami University being in vacation, the members roomed in the dormitories and took meals in university buildings. No wines were served at the banquet. The convention granted a charter for the re-establishment of the chapter at the University of North Carolina; forbade members to join  $\Theta N E$ ; provided for a salaried executive officer to devote all his time to administrative work with an office in Chicago; officially recognized the inter-fraternity conference, and authorized the fraternity's executive committee to make binding the recommendations of the conference.

"The forty-second Karnea of  $\Delta T \Delta$ , held at Indianapolis, August 28-30, 1913, was a big convention, the number of members registered being 595. A charter was granted for a chapter at the University of Oregon. Though the fraternity had long had a law forbidding members to belong to  $\Theta N E$ , the convention passed resolutions condemning that society. Resolutions were passed which condemned high school fraternities and recommended that the inter-fraternity conference should take action looking toward their elimination. No wines were served at the banquet and none were procurable on individual orders. The next Karnea will be held in San Francisco.

" $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , which met at Chicago, showed a registered attendance of 584 members, the largest number ever registered for a convention. Among the acts of the convention were the repeal of the provision of the code that circular letters of chapters shall be issued

to the alumni annually and that a year book shall be published by the fraternity. Provision was made for uniform accounting books to be furnished to each chapter. The annual dues of alumni clubs were adjusted according to the active membership of the club. A committee on ritual was directed to consider the revision of some of the wording of the ceremony. The initiation of members of preparatory or high school fraternities was prohibited after four years. Eleven applications for charters were placed before the convention, but only three charters were granted, these being to the petitioners of the University of North Dakota, Iowa State College and Colorado College. A notable feature of the convention were the addresses by Mr. Trimpe,  $\Sigma X$ , president of the Inter-Fraternity Congress, and Doctor Shepardson,  $B \Theta II$ , Secretary of the Inter-Fraternity Conference.  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  declared itself in favor of the Inter-Fraternity Conference being given 'power to act, not merely to suggest,' and instructed its delegates to the conference to work and vote for granting to it 'limited legislative power.' No wines were served at the banquet by vote of the members of the convention themselves.

"The sixty-sixth convention of  $\Theta \Delta X$  was one of the largest the fraternity has ever held and was notable 'for the unusual opportunities for fraternizing among the various delegations and for the entire absence of anything to cause the slightest difference of opinion to arise.' The convention lasted four days, no Sunday being included among the four, and one entire afternoon and evening was given over to entertainment. The memorial service, held during one of the business sessions, was an innovation that will probably become a fixture. The convention started an investigation into the proposition of equalizing the mileage of the delegates from the several charges. Important recommendations regarding the keeping of the archives and correspondence were passed. A report was read regarding the petition of  $\Theta N E$  to have the ban of  $\Theta \Delta X$  against it lifted, and the committee recommended that the petition be denied, which recommendation was enthusiastically adopted. A quiz book and manual of the fraternity was authorized to be printed. 'While it was not deemed wise at this time to bar members of high school fraternities from membership, nor to prohibit the use of liquor in all charge

houses, it was recommended that the Grand Lodge use its best moral suasion in each of these matters to the end that the day will not be far distant when no members of an interscholastic high school fraternity may become a member of  $\Theta \Delta X$ , and the five or six charges now allowing liquor in their houses will no longer allow its use.'

The next meeting will be held in San Francisco in 1915.

"B  $\Theta$  II met September 2-6, 1913, at Nantasket Beach near Boston, with an attendance of 438. It condemned the high school fraternity and gave its hearty support to the inter-fraternity conference. Charters were granted to the University of Utah and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The Wooster charter was filed with the general secretary. The incumbent general officers were re-elected. Resolutions against all societies of the type of  $\Theta N E$  were passed. A reference book, 'Betas of Achievement,' was authorized. A system of annual audit of all accounts by a public accountant was ordered. The next convention will be held in Cincinnati in 1914."—*Alpha Tau Omega Palm*.

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"Just recently a new society was formed in Syracuse University under the name, 'Kappa Pi Sigma'. It is an honorary pedagogical society and is the Alpha chapter among the women. In almost all colleges the men have a similar society. It is the hope of the funders that it will be taken up by other colleges and will soon become national. The society is primarily for those who expect to teach and is based upon scholarship in the junior and senior years, and upon the personality of the girl. Its purposes are to increase the interest in pedagogy and to foster a fraternity spirit among those who are teachers. Those who have made good in the educational field and are approved by the members are to be taken in as honorary members. The pledge ribbons are lavender and pink and the pin is a small key with the Greek letters  $K \Pi \Sigma$  on it."—*Alpha Tau Omega Palm*.

**ALUMNI DEPARTMENT.****VIRGINIA ALPHA.**

H. H. George, 3rd, is resident engineer for a large aluminum plant at Whitney, N. C.

Charles Phillips is studying medicine at the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Va.

I. D. S. Knight, '10, is at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

W. H. Jenkins is studying medicine at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, Md. He is located with the Nu Sigma Nu boys.

W. H. Davis, '11, is taking post graduate work at Richmond College, and is holding down the position of assistant in the English Department.

Wesley Wright, '12, is studying chemistry at John Hopkins' University.

G. G. Garland, '12, is practicing law at 1111 Mutual Building, Richmond, Va.

Q. C. Davis, '12, is practicing law at Berkley, Norfolk, Va.

L. E. Guy, '11, is practicing law at Spartanburg, S. C.

W. H. Croswell is travelling for the United States Tire Co., with his headquarters in Richmond, Va.

C. W. Throckmorton, Jr., '13, is with the C. & O. railroad, offices Richmond, Va.

F. G. Louthan, '10 and '13, is practicing law at 910-13 Times-Dispatch Building, Richmond, Va., having formed a partnership with J. H. Price under the firm name of Price & Louthan.

W. W. Goldsmith, '13, is associated with S. S. P. Patteson in the practice of law at 1209-11 Mutual Building, Richmond, Va.

Dorsey G. Tyler is studying medicine at the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Va.

C. W. Colonna is studying medicine at the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Va.

## COLORADO ALPHA.

John Irwin, LL. B., '05, is now district attorney at Klamath Falls, Ore.

R. D. Knight, BS., E. E., '06, is the proud father of a son, R. D. Knight, Jr.

Ralph Stitzer, BS., E. E., '07, is now living in Brooklyn, N. Y., and announces that the stork has delivered a fine baby girl.

E. G. McAdams, LL. B., '06, is county judge of Ouray County, Col.

Charles H. Adams, ex-'12, is holding down a homestead near Taos, N. M.

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## VIRGINIA DELTA.

Brother J. B. Kite, an enthusiastic worker of Virginia Delta and Virginia Eta, reports that he is very successful in the auditing business, is still single and wearing his accustomed smile for all humanity, and, if we mistake not, for the ladies in particular.

Brother G. L. H. Johnson was elected superintendent of schools for Southampton county, Va., by the State Board of Education, meeting in Richmond last June, for a term of four years. As a member of Virginia Delta and as an alumnus Brother Johnson has been considered one of her leading men. He will undoubtedly make good in this new field of endeavor.

Among those successful at the last Virginia bar examination, held in Richmond on November the 5th were: Brother Meredith, Virginia Alpha; Brother J. G. Brown, Virginia Delta and Virginia Alpha, and Brother J. H. Bowen, Virginia Delta.

## NEW YORK ALPHA.

From *The Arrow* of  $\Pi B \Phi$  we learn that Miss Gertrude Skerritt, Syracuse, '13,  $\Pi B \Phi$ , was married to Brother Westley Brooks, Syracuse, '12, on December 24, 1913. They are residing at 10 Bennett St., Utica, N. Y.

## OHIO GAMMA.

Under "Marriages" in *The Arrow* of  $\Pi B \Phi$  appears the following item:

"Esther Wilson, ex-'14, and Ernest Davis, Ohio State, '12,  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , November 11. At home in Rochester, N. Y."

#### D. C. ALPHA.

Brother Wm. S. Gordon Dulin has surprised his many friends and joined the "married circle". We have not learned the name of the lady in question, and are therefore not able at this writing to give it. However, she is now Mrs. Wm. S. Gordon Dulin. Brother and Mrs. Dulin are residing at 2335 W. Grace Street, Richmond, Va. Brother Dulin is an engineer in the employ of the Bell Telephone Company.

Cards were recently received announcing the betrothal of Miss Alvina Stumm and Brother Waldo L. Schmitt.

Brother and Mrs. Clarence P. Wilson are receiving the congratulations of their friends upon the birth of a daughter.

Arthur H. Redfield is teaching in the Newport News, Virginia, High School.

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#### NEW YORK BETA.

F. S. Parker, '13, was appointed secretary to the mayor of Auburn, N. Y., on January 1st.

The engagement of Miss Margaret L. Monfort, of Brooklyn, to Brother Peter Remsen, '12, has recently been announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Weber, of Canton, Ohio, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Helen M. Weber, to Brother R. Verne Mitchell, '07.

Fred "Hank" Davis, '13, is travelling director for the California Motion Picture Co. He has been in California for the past year, and on February 5th left for Manila and Japan, expecting to return in May.

A. J. Jacobs, '1, is sales manager for Fairbanks Morse & Co., of New York. His address is 51 Hamilton Place, New York City.

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#### RHODE ISLAND ALPHA.

William Howe, '13, is in the employ of the General Electric Company, Lynn, Mass.

Adrian Gould is attending the Harvard Medical School. He has recently been awarded an honorary scholarship with financial aid on the basis of his first semester's scholastic record.

Roy Loxley is employed in the engineering department of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

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IOWA ALPHA.

[Brother Wm. G. Breitenstein, Iowa Alpha, has the idea. Let all the Chapter Historians read these Alumni Notes as a little lesson to be learned and never to be forgotten. It is impossible to maintain a creditable Alumni Department unless the chapters do their part and send in their Alumni news more regularly. A good start, Iowa Alpha. Hold the pace!—*Alumni Editor.*]

Dr. Reemt E. Luebbers, '09, Professor of Economics and Political Science at Iowa Wesleyan, has been granted a year's leave of absence from the faculty and is doing research work at the University of Berlin, Germany. He is planning an extensive spring tour of Europe, Egypt, and the Holy Land.

Claude Hayes, '13, is superintendent of schools at Salem, Iowa, and a bi-monthly visitor over Sunday at the chapter house.

Gilmore Swaney, '13, is taking advance work in agriculture at Iowa State College at Ames. "Gill" is one of the "heartless" alumni. Miss Mary Firebaugh, of Mt. Pleasant, Wesleyan, '12, and Pi Beta Phi, is the lucky wearer.

Enos Lauterbach is superintendent of schools at Danville, Ia., and returns weekly to his home in Mt. Pleasant. He has been doing efficient work as referee of the class basket-ball series.

Daniel Boone Heller, '13, is superintendent of schools at Batavia, Iowa. "Ban." is becoming famed as a humorous lecturer and has a bureau of his own that is always full for the week ends. He generally plans his Saturday night engagement so he can be with the actives on Sunday.

Roy Lofquist is employed at Keokuk, Iowa, in the offices of the Standard Oil Company. The Glee Club men report that on their recent visit to the "dam city" they observed the absence of Roy's pin,

but on the night of the concert discovered it worn by a certain young lady who accompanied him, namely, Miss Wisterow, of Keokuk.

Howe Ernst, the lone benedict at the time of Iowa Alpha's installation, is filling the pulpit of the Baptist Church at Lorimer, Iowa. If Howe puts as much "pep" in his congregation as he injected in the life at the house, things will be enlivened in the Lorimer religious circles.

The Hagie brothers, '13, are now in Montana, attracted there by the drawings in the Ft. Peck Indian reservation land allotment. Luck didn't come their way on the drawings, but they liked that country and accepted positions as teachers. Roscoe is at Marian and Edwin at Pleasant Valley. Big game hunting is their important side issue and great success has been reported by both.

Arthur Wahl, '10, is at Pharr, Texas, in the furniture business. "Art." is one of the *duo* of our alumni that is enjoying the blessings of married life.

Paul Lauterbach, '11, is instructor in the Science Department of the Lehigh, Iowa, High School, and is also coach of athletics. "Pauly's" achievements in the athletic branches at Wesleyan have stood him in good stead and the Hampton teams are "touted" as winners. Lauterbach generally spends the summer as pitcher with some of the more prominent semi-pro teams of Iowa.

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#### TENNESSEE ALPHA.

Brother Morrell, '10, is druggist at Tellico Plains, Tenn.

Brother Meadors, '13, is assistant principle of the High School at England, Arkansas.

Brother Headerick, '13, is instructor in English at the San Juan High School, San Juan, Porto Rico.

Brother Strong, '13, is with the Southern Bell Telephone Company in Birmingham, Alabama.

Brother Tittsworth, '13, is instructor of agricultural science and coach at Brownsville High School, Brownsville, Tenn.

Brother Hite, '13, is farming near Gallatin, Tenn.

Brother Prichard, '16, is principle of Ridgely High School of Ridgely, Tenn.



Brother Allred, '12, is taking post-graduate work in the University of Missouri at Columbia, Missouri.

Brother Harris, '16, is in the medical department of the University of Tennessee at Memphis, Tenn.

Brother Love, '11, is mining engineer at Butte, Montana.

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#### RICHMOND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31st, 1914, the Richmond Alumni decided that it was time they were forming an organization composed of local Sigma Phi Epsilon members, many of whom were away from their homes, all of whom wanted to get back some of that good old Sigma Phi feeling.

To that end sixteen loyal brothers gathered at Reuger's Hotel at 6:30 P. M. for dinner. The dinner lasted from 6:30 until about 8 o'clock. We had with us six active men from Virginia Alpha and Virginia Zeta. These young bucks with all the enthusiasm of the college days added much to the life of the gathering as well as suggestions in connection with organizing an alumni association.

The majority having eaten to their satisfaction, we were entertained for a short while by a few witty remarks from some of our more talented brothers, which is always the natural consequences of such meetings, but things quickly subsided because all realized that more important matters needed our attention. The election of officers was immediately entered into with the result that G. G. Garland, Virginia Alpha, was elected president; Dorsey G. Tyler, Virginia Alpha, vice-president, and F. G. Louthan, Virginia Alpha, secretary-treasurer. Committees necessary for the present work were nominated and appointed. Neither by-laws nor constitution were adopted, but a committee was put to work on that to be ready for the next meeting. A resolution was adopted that we have monthly meetings, the next being on the evening of February the 28th, 1914, Richmond being a wide-awake business metropolis of the South. A committee was appointed to look out for visiting brothers who happen this way, also for brothers who come to Richmond to locate, as a great many do. We hope that this committee will not have to do all the work, for we want any Sigma Phi Epsilon who does come to Richmond to look us up. It is

easier for you to find us than it is for us to find you. *Remember that, won't you?*

There are about thirty-five of us in Richmond. It would take up too much space to enumerate them all. You will find a great many listed in the present directory. Many others will be listed in the new directory. Again we say *look us up*.

Of these thirty-five men we hope to enlist at least thirty-four in this organized association.

At present we propose to continue having Dutch dinners preceding every meeting. This, we think, will help to attract the ones who are disposed to hang back because they are not sufficiently interested. Then, too, if you pay for a thing you will appreciate it more. We will be glad for brothers to arrange their trips to Richmond to strike our monthly meetings.

A word to the active chapters. "Notify your alumni that we are in Richmond. Tell them to look us up. Write us that an alumnus from your chapter is here."

With a very great interest in the fraternity at large and hearty wishes for its continued growth and prosperity, we are,

Faternally yours,

RICHMOND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

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DENVER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Just a word concerning the work of the alumni of Sigma Phi Epsilon in Colorado.

We have organized and have had several enthusiastic meetings. Our meetings are held at the Albany Hotel, and after a dinner our business is transacted. Our first meeting resulted in the selection of a committee to prepare a form of by-laws, and at the next meeting the following officers were elected:

Francis J. Knauss, Colorado Alpha, '05, president.

G. L. Koonsman, Colorado Beta, '13, vice-president.

L. W. Bowen, Colorado Beta, '11, secretary-treasurer.

At this meeting a set of by-laws was adopted, and the organization was completed. Many of the brothers discussed matters of importance to the fraternity, and much good resulted from this gathering.

At another meeting we entertained our grand president, J. C. Griffin, at a banquet, and were given a new view of our fraternity and fraternity life. Brother Griffin inspired us with a fine brotherly talk and made us all feel that we were brothers. We hope he will come again, and real soon.

Each member of our association pays dues of \$1.00 per year, which money is used to pay the incidental expenses of printing, postage, etc. We have from twenty to thirty men present at our meetings. Brother Wingett, grand treasurer, has been present at all our meetings, and has aided greatly in our work. Brother J. M. Pice, of Kansas Alpha, has also given us much good counsel and advice.

The association is now planning a dinner-dance, to be given at the Brown Palace Hotel, on March 13th. The alumni and active members of Colorado Alpha and Colorado Beta, and all sojourning Sigma Phi Epsilons, have been invited, and the event promises to be one of the "big" events in the life of our fraternity in Colorado.

There has been much discussion concerning the "legal status" of our association (as Brother Wingett puts it). Some appropriate action should be taken at the next conclave to give alumni associations a standing as a chapter and entitle them to a voice in the councils of the fraternity and representation in the conclave.

Before the 1916 conclave meets we believe we will have demonstrated our right to have the conclave meet in Denver.

We extend a cordial invitation to all wearers of the heart to visit us.

Fraternally,

FRANCIS J. KHAUSS, *President.*

## FROM OUR WESTERN ALUMNI.

We note with interest and approval the get-together meetings and initiations of our "out West" brothers as reported in the *Tacoma (Wash.) Daily Tribune* and the *Portland Oregonian*. Such activities as these spell progress unmistakable. What are the other sections of the country doing? Do not hide your light under a bushel; send in press notices. Remember we want the clippings.

## FRATERNITY MEN HAVE BIG DINNER.

*Annual Dinner of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Held at Olympus Hotel.*

The annual dinner of the members of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity was held Saturday night at the Olympus hotel with eight Washington State College members, three out of town guests and five Tacoma guests present. Among the Tacoma guests are said to be several pledges for University candidates.

Those present at the dinner representing the Alpha chapter at the Washington State College at Pullman included J. Sheridan Marr, Adolph Bloom, Ralph Holgerson, D. O. Bendixen, Carl F. Deitz, George E. Scott, and Lee Lewis; the out of town guests were C. W. Spence from Baker University, Kan., C. S. Tyler, University of Colorado, and Ralph J. Staehli, University of California; the Tacoma guests were Frank Coates, Lewis Mockel, Al Crane, Harry Deegan and Pat Sweeney. *Tacoma (Wash.) Daily Tribune.*

into the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at an initiation and banquet at the banquet at the Olympus hotel.

Adolph Bloom and J. Sheridan Marr of Tacoma, formerly students of the Washington State college at Pullman, were initiated last night into the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at an initiation and banquet at the Olympus hotel.

Bloom and Marr were both members of Betta Alpha local fraternity, which, after they had left college, was granted a charter in the Sigma Phi Epsilon.

The initiation preceded the banquet, at which Al Crane, Harry Deegan, Charles Mills and Frank Coates, students of the Stadium High school, were guests. Members of the fraternity who attended the initiation were: Ralph Holgerson, B. O. Bendixen, C. F. Deitz, G. E. Scott and Lee Lewis of the Pullman; C. S. Tyler of the University of Colorado, C. W. Spence of the Baker university, Kansas, and Ralph Staehli of the University of California. The pledged members in attendance were Myron Brower and Louis Mockell. Ed. Sweeny of the University of Washington was a guest also.—*Tacoma (Wash.) Daily Ledger.*

Portland members of Sigma Phi Epsilon, a fraternity whose membership embraces principally the colleges of the East, held a banquet at Richards' Friday night, at which representatives of the California Alpha, Kansas Alpha and Washington Alpha were present. It was an informal affair attended by but six members, but plans are on foot to organize an alumni chapter in Portland. Those present last night were: Earl C. Arnold, Kansas, assistant to the Solicitor, United States Department of Agriculture; Roger Morse, Washington Alpha; U. Sheldon Attix, assistant engineer, Brayton Engineering Company; George F. Cornwall, H. C. Compton and Ralph J. Staehli, all of the California Alpha.

FROM WASHINGTON.

*Portland (Ore.) Oregonian.*

The Alumni Department reproduces *The Alumni News* of the District of Columbia Chapter, believing that it will act as a stimulus for others to do likewise. These alumni dinners and this clever paper must have their good results. We congratulate "The Senators" for their excellent scheme.

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ALUMNI DINNER—UNIVERSITY CLUB—FEB. 10, 6.30 P. M. \$125

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# The Alumni News

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHAPTER

VOL. I. No. 2

HERE WE ARE AGAIN  
WATCH US GROW!

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## EDITORIAL.

Well, we're out again! Yes, on probation—but long enough to get this through the mails without being led back to the old institution. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! This may be regarded either as a belated greeting or an evidence of our progress and credited to next December's account.

It is with deep concern that we present to our loyal and paid-up members the *raison d'être* of our existence as a fraternal organ. "There ain't no sich beast." And we confess with deep misgivings, for we fear that our more conservative members will read up at the unnecessary expense (\$14.73 an issue) thus foisted upon our alumni bank-roll and refuse to come around with their \$1.00 and \$2.00 dues; but we must have an outlet for our literary genius regardless of expense—to the rest of the fellows.

However, we take this auspicious occasion to explain that \$1.00 dues for non-residents. We want to keep in touch with everyone, and we can only do this by means of letters, publications, etc., and sad, but true, these letters cost money. Therefore, all ye who have failed to come across, let us hear from you, and not (as a certain illustrious alumnus from the South did) in the shape of an I. O. U.!

Our next dinner will be held at our club house—by adoption—the University Club, on February 10th, at 6:30. Remember the date February 10th—and the time, 6:30—and the place, University Club. Members living west of the Mississippi will be allowed 15 minutes' leaveway to get a shave. Please send in answers and \$1.25, the latter without an answer if rushed, to A. B. Reavis, at Fraternity House, or D. A. Baer, at Union Trust Building.

## MID-WINTER DINNER

## UNIVERSITY CLUB

FEB. 10.

6.30 P. M.

\$1.25

## SEND ANSWERS AT ONCE.

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STOCKTON COMMENDS FRATERNITY.

The Interfraternity Association at George Washington held its annual banquet at the University Club on January 15th. Brother Kruger, you recall, is president. Some 300 actives and alumni turned out, among whom Sigma Phi Epsilon, as usual, took the lead with 30 present. Each Frat had a stunt to perform for the benefit of the guests. Kruger represented us with a song, which he delivered in his usual clever and melodious style.

Not the least enjoyable feature of the evening was the public commendation bestowed by President Stockton, in his address, upon Kappa Sigma and Sigma Phi Epsilon for their public spirit and college patriotism in answering the call of the University three years ago by voting an annual fund, for a period of five years, to be applied to the maintenance fund of the University. It might not be amiss for the alumni to keep this in mind when the call for 1914 allotments is sent out by our Fund Committee. Fifty dollars is our share.

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WOOLLEY WAXES WISE.

Brother Woolley, having in mind the stirring example set by his worthy brothers among the alumni, determined to show the spirit of the active chapter by leading to the altar the girl of his choice, who happens to live in Chicago. Without fuss or feathers, or any previous warning, he ups and gets married on the 17th of January, and will live happy ever after in Washington. Brother Woolley is clerk for the Joint Legislative Bureau of Information of the Railway Conductors, Locomotive Engineers, etc.

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BELATED ITEM.

We have just learned that Brother Joe Reavis was married last September to Miss Parks of Tennessee, but the news just reached us, which those who know the Reavis family reputation for verbosity will not consider unusual.

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GATES GETS GIFT.

A Christmas present, somewhat delayed in transmission, was received by Brother E. Percy Gates on January 10th, in the shape of a charming bride. Of course no one knew about it until the time arrived; but now that it is all over and Percy did not flee the ceremony, we are happy to inform our brethren that the Gates', bride and groom, will be glad to entertain visiting brothers either a day, week, month or year at their home 3734 North Koster Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Good for you, Percy! How did you ever get the nerve?

## SEILER STILL SMILING.

It's a boy. 'Nuff ced!

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## BETHLEHEM (PA.) LOCAL ITEM.

Latest from Jimmie Gunning is to the effect that he is still married and growing happier every day. As a furnace fixer and biscuit maker, however, Jimmie is a first-class engineer.

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## SCIENTIST RETURNS.

Mr. Hugo Schmidt, the well-known explorer, returned recently from a two-year trip, furnished by the Carnegie Institution of Washington, for a magnetic survey of the seas. The journey was slow, but sure, a mere matter of two months being consumed in crossing the Atlantic.

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## PROMINENT OFFICIAL DESERTS GOVERNMENT.

Private interests continue their successful campaign to secure the best Government officials. The Westinghouse Electric Company of Pittsburgh announces the acquisition of Robson De S. Brown, formerly of the Patent Office, D. C. Mr. Brown may be found somewhere around their patent department.

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## HOUGHTON HERE.

After a pleasant few months in Maine, Mr. Harry Houghton returned to his Washington home, where he expects to remain for the winter, still seeking the henless egg.

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## FRATERNITY EVENTS.

The active chapter announces a house dance for February 5th, a rush smoker on the 14th, and a tango tea the 22d.

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## DUES ARE DUE.

Dues for year 1913-1914 continue to remain due in numerous cases. Non-residents, \$1.00; residents, \$2.00. Treasurer is same old address, 1502 Vermont. Checks, money orders, fruit, vegetables, or young chickens acceptable.

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## AND DO NOT FORGET THE BANQUET.

Send answers now to Reavis.

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## EDITOR'S ADDRESS.

If any member desires to communicate with the editor, the editor announces he is out!

## TACOMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BANQUETS.

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IN THE NORTHWEST.

As our honored editor has asked me to write a few lines on the progress of our fraternity in the Northwest, I shall proceed to elucidate the unbelieving. Some months ago the Tacoma Alumni Chapter was formed by a few of us brothers in the vicinity of Tacoma for the purpose of bringing the alumni in closer touch with the workings of the fraternity. Knowing from experience how quickly we drift away from our college and our fraternity, after we enter the world of commerce, steps were immediately taken to get all the names of our brothers in the States of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

Most of the active chapters answered willingly to the call and sent us the names and addresses of their men. After cataloguing them, we found a good many brothers scattered over the three States. It was then that we first thought of forming the Northwest Alumni Association.

It was with much good cheer and fellowship that sixteen of us, active and alumni, met in Tacoma, December 27th last, to initiate two of the old Beta Alpha (now Washington Alpha) men into the mysteries of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ . This was especially a pleasure for the alumni, as it brought back pleasant memories of the times they used to have at their active chapters, besides reviewing the Ritual and the work of the fraternity to those who had been long absent. It was surprising and a pleasure to see the interest the alumni took in the active members present. After the initiation, we all adjourned to the Olympus Hotel, where we enjoyed a good feed, along with music and speeches. We then adjourned to a suite of rooms that had been reserved for the occasion. Here we became better acquainted with one another, stories were told, and the progress plans for our Alumni Association were formed. Western expansion in the fraternity world was heartily approved.

Steps were then taken to form various alumni chapters in the cities where we are represented by the most brothers—Seattle, Spokane, Wn., Portland, Ore., and Boise, Idaho, to be the first ones. The



brothers who are located in the vicinity of these towns to be put on the rolls of nearest alumni chapter. This plan has been followed, and now the lists have been made up which will be sent to the brothers in the towns mentioned, and by the time this letter is published there will probably be alumni chapters in the cities of Tacoma, Spokane, Seattle, Wash., Portland, Ore., and Boise, Idaho. These alumni chapters will be under the supervision of the Northwestern Alumni Association, whose duty it will be to keep up the interest among the different chapters. Letters will be exchanged among the alumni chapters telling of the work done and what work the brothers are doing in different cities. Alumni brothers will inform the active chapters as to any men that are going to college, and will help all they can to see that such men go the right way.

Circular letters will be welcomed from all the active chapters. The alumni members will *be asked to take the Journal our official fraternity publication*. We believe that no one can keep up his interest unless he knows for what and where his fraternity stands in the fraternity world. We also want alumni representation at our conclaves. It is our plan to hold yearly conclaves of the different alumni chapters of the Northwest.

As other alumni chapters of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  are formed in the Northwest, they will be asked to make application for membership in our association. Money derived from this source will be spent for the progress of the work of the fraternity in the Northwest as set forth in the constitution and by-laws of the Northwest Alumni Association of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

It is hoped by the brothers that other alumni associations will be formed—for in union there is strength—so that we can soon demand alumni representation at our conclaves. It is the alumnus, with his knowledge of the world, in the University and in the College of Hard Knocks, that has the true conception of the Ideal Fraternity.

RALPH HOLGERSON,  
*Washington Alpha,*

Tacoma, Wash.

## Chapter Letters.

*(The Journal is issued on October 20th, December 25th, March 1st and May 1st. Your chapter letter should be in the hands of the Editor twenty days before each date of publication. No notice other than this will be given. Have your letter typewritten and use but one side of the paper. The next letter will be due April 10, 1914.—The Editor.*

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### VIRGINIA ALPHA.

#### RICHMOND COLLEGE

Meets every Sunday, 3:00 P. M. in room on Campus, Richmond, Va.

Once more Virginia Alpha sends her best regards to all the sister chapters and very best wishes for a successful year.

Virginia Alpha begins the New Year with promising prospects for a successful term, Brother Fox, who was unable to return to school after the holidays, will be greatly missed, as he was a very faithful and hard worker for his chapter and a most popular student. All of the other brothers, after spending the holidays at their various homes, returned to the college at the beginning of the New Year with renewed energy and a firm determination to work harder than ever for the advancement of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

On January 31st, Virginia Alpha, together with several brothers from Virginia Zeta, joined the alumni brothers of Richmond in a big supper at Ruger's Hotel. After supper there followed a number of discussions on certain topics concerning the good of Sigma Phi Epsilon; but the most important thing to take place was the organization of a Richmond Alumni Chapter.

Since our last letter we had our annual initiation and take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large the following initiates:

Howard Gilford Privott, B. A., '17, Norfolk, Va.

James Arthur Kennedy, B. A., '17, Williston, S. C.

Charles Wendell Carneal, B. A., '17, Richmond, Va.

These three men are a valuable asset to the fraternity and we are proud of them. Brother Privott better known as "Jake", is one of the most popular new men on the campus, and took his football "R" in a walk.

"Jack" Kennedy has an excellent chance to make the baseball team and we feel sure of having in him a star; both he and Jake are on the Glee Club.

Carneal, though having neither of the qualities of a singer nor an athlete, is a great ladies' man and promises to make the fraternity well represented socially.

At present we have three other men pledged and we are looking for as many more.

Virginia Alpha has been very glad to have with her during the last month Brother McCrary of Georgia Alpha who is spending the winter in Richmond.

In conclusion we wish to say that Virginia Alpha is making steady progress and extends a hearty welcome to any of the brothers to pay us a visit when an opportunity presents itself.

Faternally.

K. B. Lewis,  
Chapter Historian.

VIRGINIA ALPHA.

## WEST VIRGINIA BETA. WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.

Meets every Tuesday 7:00 P. M., at Chapter House, 509 Front St., Morgantown, W. Va.

The sun shines bright on West Virginia Beta this year, marking for us one of the most prosperous years in the twelve of our existence. From a membership of eight men, meeting at their different rooms, we have increased to a membership of twenty-seven of the best men in West Virginia University, holding our sessions in a house, which ranks among the first in the University. Within the next two or three years we expect to erect a house which will be one of the best fraternity houses in the State.

In the past few weeks, W. V. U. has become much advertised because of the "tango" question. What a few "cork-legs" says about our expert dancing would not look good in this chapter letter. However we welcome to our Pan Hellenic dances any "Sig." who happens to be in our town every other Friday night.

By the way what has become of our Grand President? We expected him to call on us, and we arranged a smoker to which several members of the faculty were invited, but to this date we have not received a word from him.

On the evening of February 5th we took seven "preps" on that awful trip over the hills. And on the evening of February 6th we initiated them into the mysteries of our beloved fraternity. Seven better men could not have been chosen to wear a Sigma Phi Epsilon pin. So it is with great pleasure that we introduce to the fraternity at large:

Walter Wolf Fleming, E. E., '16, Hagerstown, Md.

John Dexter, Agri., '16, Bay Shore, N. Y.

Charles Martin Penwell, B. S., '17, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Leslie Brooks, B. S., '15, Buchannon, W. Va.

Paschal Albert Elliott, E. E., '17, Grafton, W. Va.

Howard Morgan Henrie, Agri., '17, Parkersburg, W. Va.

On the evening of our initiation, we had a five-course banquet, in honor of the new men. Several of our alumni were present, also Brother Linn, of Ohio Alpha honored us by attending.

There is not very much going on at West Virginia University just at this writing. However, Mr. Patterson of the University of Michigan has recently been elected Base Ball Coach for the year 1914. The new Coach is on the job now, looking over the material. West Virginia Beta expects to have at least five men on the squad.

We are still holding our own in college activities. Brothers Duncan and Jemison were initiated into the Honorary Engineering Frater-

nity, Theta Psi. Brother Boreman plays first guitar in the Mandolin Club, and Brother Compton was elected Associate Editor of the Year Book, the Monticola.

Brother Brooks, who was initiated Feb. 6, took the next greatest step in his life February 11th. "They" will live in Morgantown.

In closing, we wish to extend a cordial invitation to all Sigma Phi Epsilons to visit us at our chapter house, 509 Front St., Morgantown, W. Va.

Fraternally,

*Fillmore Compton,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

WEST VIRGINIA BETA.

### COLORADO ALPHA.

#### UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

Meets every Monday at the Chapter House, 1135 1th St., at 7.15 P. M.,  
Boulder, Colo.

The fraternity interests of the brothers in Colorado Alpha seems to



Carl P. Cline, '16, Colo. Alpha,  
Holder of Rocky Mountain Conference  
Record for 4.40.

be centered in the big "do" to be held in Denver on March 13th. The affair in question is a formal dinner dance given in conjunction with Colorado Beta at the Brown Palace Hotel. Though several weeks

ahead, inasmuch as it is the first formal affair in which our new sister chapter has had an opportunity to participate with us, we all are looking forward to it enthusiastically. This dance is to supplant the usual annual alumni banquet, formerly held on Founder's Day, and though quite of a different character it is the intention of every Sigma Phi Epsilon in Colorado, active and alumni alike, to make it a success in every sense of the word.

Among the active men we are glad to announce the pledging of "Pete" Nelson, last year's star punter, to the Crabbers—a local honorary society; also "Steve" Rothwell's initiation into Delta Sigma Rho. On the Glee and Instrumental Club we have Brothers Fritchman and Heaton, while on the Interstate Debating Squad we find Brothers Cline, King and Odum.

In the Inter-Fraternity Indoor Meet to be held in Denver, February 28, we have entered a relay team and though Cline, last year's star sprinter, clipped 3 seconds off the Rocky Mountain Conference record for the 440, doing it in 48:4, has been disqualified, the S. P. E. boys promise to place at the fore.

On the Varsity baseball squad this spring are Brothers Williams,—who did spectacular work in the pitcher's box—Sheehan and Nelson, all of whom are candidates for "C's."

Although too early for the regular elections, we are proud to announce the election of Carl Cline by the Sophomore Arts for manager of the University Year-Book,—the "Coloradian."

In the fraternity for the coming year, Brother Phelps has been elected manager for the chapter house, and besides aiding materially in printing the Denver Post, will assume the stewardship next year.

The chapter was favored several weeks ago by a visit from Brother Struffer of Washington Alpha, though his visit was a brief one. Colorado Alpha hopes more of the men from the other chapters when passing through will remember us similarly.

Fraternally yours,

Lester E. Weber,  
Historian.

COLORADO ALPHA.

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## PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

### UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Meets every Tuesday at 7 P. M., at Chapter House, 3745 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa.

February finds us busy preparing for our dance of February 19th, and for our tenth anniversary banquet which will follow shortly afterwards. Since our last letter the Christmas holidays and mid-year examinations have wrought many changes among us. Some we regret and others we announce to our sister chapters with pleasure. Perhaps the most important of the latter is that Brother Schwert has been elected captain of the baseball team. This gives Sigma Phi Epsilon the captaincy as well as the Varsity battery consisting of Brother "Pi" Schwert and Brother "Shorty" Sayre.

Brothers Tom Rankin and Chiquoine were on the Bowl Fight com-

mittee and Brother Wooley has made the wrestling squad and will compete in the dual meet with the U. of Pittsburg.

It is with deepest regret that we announce the withdrawal from college of Brothers Wright and Shirley, who are leaving to enter the business world.

We take this opportunity to introduce to our sister chapters three new Pa. Deltas:

Initiated January 13th:

Douglas Newton Foreman, Med., '16, E. Northfield, Mass.

Homer Edward Purdy, Wharton, '17, Rutland, Vt.

Initiated February 3d:

Richard W. Mecaskey, Architecture, Philadelphia.

Brother Chiquoine has been appointed chairman of the Senior Picture Committee, and also served on the Band and Ivy Ball committees.

Brother Odgers is on the Junior Banquet committee, and also out for track. Brother Given is on the Junior Cane committee. Brother Ad. Foster is on the Soph Banquet committee, and Brother Thompson on the Cap and Gown committee of the Senior Law Class. Brothers Thorpe and Sutch are out for Mask and Wig Chorus and Brother Thorpe for Assistant Manager of the Gym. team.

Crew practice starts tomorrow, and Penna. Delta will be represented by four experienced men who have made the crew in prior years. They are Brothers R. Littleton, Odgers, Foster, Rankin and A. Littleton.

Bro. Speck of the anthropology department and Brother Paul Windom returned recently from Indian Island, Me., where they visited a tribe of Penobscot Indians—Brother Speck studying and Brother Windom sketching the island and its inhabitants. 'Tis whispered that Brother Windom's artistic temperament was visibly affected by the simple charms displayed by the Indian Maidens (?)

Fraternally,

*Frank H. Mancell,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

## VIRGINIA DELTA.

### COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY.

Meets every Friday 11:00 P. M., at Chapter House, Williamsburg, Va.

Mid-winter examinations have just been completed at William and Mary and February 1st marked the beginning of a new term. We are proud of the record the members of Virginia Delta made on their examinations and feel sure that they will rank with those of any fraternity in college.

We have had one "goat" since Christmas and take pleasure in introducing:

Initiated January 9, 1914.

Rufus Ray Addington, A. B., '16, Ridgeville, Ind.

To do him justice we must say that Brother Addington is O. K. Last year he distinguished himself by being our Varsity baseball

pitcher. This year he has been a scrub on both football and basket ball teams and came near winning his monogram in football. He holds the favor and confidence of the faculty which was shown this year by his appointment as Proctor of our Academy Study Hall.

Brother Combs returned Tuesday from Richmond where he visited the inauguration of his intimate friend, Governor Stuart.

Now that the Basket Ball Season is nearly over Coach Draper will soon be calling out the baseball tryouts from whom he is to select his team. Virginia Delta will be well represented by Brothers Addington and Combs, both monogram men of last year who we expect to hold down their regular positions in fine form. The prospects for a good team are very bright and we are hoping that William and Mary will best her rivals for the championship of Eastern Virginia.

With best wishes to our sister chapters, we are,  
Fraternally,

*E. Ralph James,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

VIRGINIA DELTA.

## NORTH CAROLINA BETA.

### NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS.

Meets every Sunday at 2 P. M., in Chapter Room, 1911 Dorm.,  
West Raleigh, N. C.

North Carolina Beta sends greetings to all brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon, and wishes for them the greatest success in all of their work.

Since our last letter we have all enjoyed our holidays and are now back hard at work. Brother Morris did not return after Christmas, but decided to try himself in the world of business. We were very sorry to lose him, but we still have ten men to carry on the work.

The rushing season closed here on the first of February and N. C. Beta feels proud to say that she had the good fortune to pledge seven men with two or three more in view.

On February 7, we had our annual initiation, so we wish to introduce to the fraternity at large the following brothers, whom we are sure will prove worthy wearers of the Sacred Heart:

John Calhoun Collier, Jr., '16, M. E., Goldsboro, N. C.

Ralph Hinton Hodges, '16, Agr., Washington, N. C.

John Douglas Hunt, '17, Agr., Greensboro, N. C.

Fred Neil Bell, '17, E. E., Concord, N. C.

Bruce Dunston Hodges, '17, C. E., Washington, N. C.

Francis Scarr Morrison, '17, Agr., Statesville, N. C.

John Welsford Artz, '17, Agr., Old Fort, N. C.

Following the initiation we gave our annual banquet at the Bland Hotel, which was enjoyed by thirty-two Sigma Phi Epsilons. Besides the ten active members, the initiates, the brothers in the faculty, there were present the following: J. D. Cooper, Jr., L. C. Hand, R. M. High, G. H. Nash, and I. R. Crane, all alumni of N. C. Beta; also Willis

Smith of Raleigh, and the following from N. C. Gamma: Brothers Evans, Sledge, Isley, Bond and Ellis.

We had the good fortune to have back with us this term Brother J. B. Fearing, who left college last spring. Brother Fearing graduates in Chemistry this year.

We are very proud to say that our Chapter now has seventeen active members, the largest in the history of the Chapter. This is due mainly to untiring efforts of our brothers. With this, the largest Chapter in college, and with three brothers in the faculty, we feel proud to say that Sigma Phi Epsilon ranks first as a Greek letter fraternity at A. & M.

N. C. Beta is also doing her share in college activities. Last month four out of our ten men made the honor roll, and Brother Kramer stands at the head of his class. He has been here three years and has never made less than 95 on any subject. As for athletics we are represented on the baseball team by Brother Winston, who is the best catcher in the State, and we also have several men out trying for the team, and some of them will give the old fellows a rush. Several of our brothers are members of the German Club, and Brother Gill is Secretary and Treasurer of same. Brother Ralph Hodges is a member of the Alpha Zeta, a National Agricultural Fraternity, which stands for high scholarship.

N. C. Beta has received an invitation to the annual initiation and banquet of the N. C. Gamma Chapter, which takes place February 14th, and several of our brothers will be there. It is always a great pleasure to visit the Trinity Chapter, because they certainly know how to treat a visiting brother.

In closing we wish to extend to all Sigma Phi Epsilons a hearty invitation to visit us, and wish to assure them that the latch string is always on the outside.

Faternally,

R. A. Jones,

*Chapter Historian.*

NORTH CAROLINA BETA.

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## OHIO ALPHA.

### OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY

Meets every Monday evening at 10:00 o'clock, in Chapter House, 517 South Gilbert Street, Ada, Ohio.

For the third time during this school year Ohio Alpha extends greetings to her sister chapters in Sigma Phi Epsilon. May the past successes ever be a spur to do our best to keep our fraternity up to the high standard that it has always maintained.

At present we look forward to our annual Engineer's Exhibit which is to be given on February the twentieth. Brother C. O. Brown is chairman of the Civil Engineering Committee and we have several more of the brothers on committees of the various departments, who are all working hard to make this exhibit the best in Northern's history.



Brother "Had" Kurz is directing the production of the annual Minstrel Show for the benefit of the Athletic Association. We have a good representation with the black-face artists and we expect to make "Honey Boy" Evans and his troupe sit up and take notice.

In all college activities Ohio Alpha is taking a prominent and most active part. Brother Homrighons has been elected to the chairmanship of the Ohio Northern University Branch of the A. I. E. E. since Brother Boesger's graduation. Brother Homrighons is also Vice-President of the class of 1914. Brother Niswander is Editor-in-Chief of the "1914 Northern," our college annual. Brother A. E. Jury is one of the three Associate Editors. Brother Brown is secretary of the Engineering Class for this year. Brother Taylor has been appointed as Assistant Professor in the Engineering College. Being an experienced mine surveyor he will teach this subject. Brother "Bobby" Williams was recently elected to the captaincy of Company B of the cadet battalion; he has always worked hard in military and his promotion is well deserved and shows the high esteem in which he is held by the officers and privates of his company. A large number of the brothers will attend the annual Inspection Tour of the Senior Engineers to be held the first week of March. The trip this year will be very interesting and instructive and will take in the large manufacturing plants of Chicago, Gary, Fort Wayne and Indianapolis.

We are pleased to present the following new members to the fraternity at large:

Initiated January 19, 1914,

Glen Raymond Butler, Ph. G., '15, Lima, Ohio

Initiated January 26, 1914,

Clarence Raymond Dixon, C. E., '16, Rochester, N. Y.

Initiated February 9, 1914,

Edward Herman Thevenet, C. E., '16, Newark, N. J.

Loyde Harrison Gardner, C. E., '15, McLean, Ill.

Robert Elmer Lowe, E. E., '15, Pittsfield, Mass.

Each of these men has the staunch character that will maintain our fraternity in the first rank in the college and business worlds.

In the last few weeks we have had the pleasure of entertaining Brothers L. Wismer of Bowling Green, Ohio; L. K. Mollenauer, Eighty-Four, Pa.; and Guy Butler, Lima, Ohio. Brother Geo. Boesger was also here for a few days before returning to Cleveland, his home city, where he has accepted a lucrative position. He graduated from college last term with degrees in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. Brother "Bugs" Raymond of Ohio Gamma, was with us recently. He has accepted the position of Varsity Coach of Northern's foot-ball squad for 1914, and we look forward to a most successful year under his coaching. Brother Mahaffey of Ohio Gamma spent the week end with us; we are glad to know that our "Red" is making good at Ohio State. Our doors are ever open to welcome all brothers from sister chapters.

Wishing all in Sigma Phi Epsilon much success,

Fraternally,

C. R. Liddle,

Chapter Historian.

OHIO ALPHA.



PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

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**INDIANA ALPHA.**  
**PURDUE UNIVERSITY.**

Meets every Monday, 7:30 P. M., at Chapter House, 102 Thornell St.  
W. Lafayette, Ind.

This is indeed a promising year for Indiana Alpha Chapter.

The first semester has passed and a strong start been made on the second and last semester.

All of the brothers passed their work in exceptionally good style and as a result the chapter scholarship record ascended yet another notch. While the results of the fraternity scholarship race are not yet known, we feel assured that Sigma Phi Epsilon will place high in the list if we do not pull down the "plum" itself.

Brother R. M. Jones was recently pledged and initiated into the Eta Kappa Nu fraternity. This is an honorary organization composed of men chosen for all around ability as well as scholarship.

Brother Wotowa, ('12), of Omaha, Neb., visited us during the Xmas holidays. While in school, "Wot" was recognized as a musical genius and held many offices in the university musical organizations. Brother Schmidt, in his capacity as varsity yell leader, is now meeting with great success in introducing Wotowa's latest effort, the song, "Hail Purdue." It has been adopted as the official Purdue song to be rendered at all games and gatherings.

Pledge Lynn was forced to discontinue his school work at the end of the first semester due to ill health. We hope to have "the Dog" back next year.

Two new pladges have been added to our list, H. L. Royce and H. T. Hough. Brother Coyle, ex-'14, re-entered school at the beginning of the second semester.

The call for varsity base-ball men has been made, Brothers Daley and Coyle signing up. Both were on the squad last year, taking part in conference games and prospects are fine for the addition of two more letters.

Pledge Royce is out for the freshman base-ball team. With pledge Hough in the high jump and Brothers La Porte and Murray in the distance and dash events, out-door track work will open up more possibilities for honors in athletics. Brother Becket is practically assured of a place on the varsity wrestling team which competes in two conference tournaments soon.

An informal dance was given at the Chapter House on Saturday February 7th, about thirty couples being present.

A couple of former customs regarding the social life of the Chapter have been revived with decided success.

Instead of waiting until 8:30 to come to a house dance, the brothers now endeavor to bring their guests an hour earlier. This allows time for social intercourse, insures a chance to meet everyone present and certainly does promote that "good fellowship feeling" so necessary.

The other custom is that of having several of the fairer sex at the chapter house for Sunday dinner.

The commissary department will soon be able to set a most "nifty" table on these occasions, having ordered a new set of china ware.

Brother Joe Cavanaugh is achieving a most enviable success as a contributor to several of the leading agricultural journals.

Since our last letter the following men have been initiated:

William Julian Becket, Hymen, Ind.

James Albert Waldsmith, West La Fayette, Ind.

Nig Ritchie, Henie Rossbacker, the Lewis brothers, Joe Woodward of Nebraska Alpha, and C. T. Cavan of Dallas, Texas, are among the brothers who visited us since the Xmas holidays.

All brothers take notice: if within hailing distance, do not forget to call on us. A most hearty welcome awaits you.

Fraternally,

O. E. Griner,

*Chapter Historian.*

INDIANA ALPHA.

## NEW YORK ALPHA.

### SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Meets every Friday at Chapter House, 303 Waverly Avenue, at 7:30 P. M.

How did you hit those "Mid Year" exams? As a whole New York Alpha hit them hard. For a number of years, the fraternities here have urged the University to compile an inter-fraternity scholarship rating. We expect that list to be published this year. Whether, due to the efficient work of our scholarship committee and the co-operation of the Brothers or to the spirit to top the list, we can be justly proud of our nine engineers, who came thru with flying colors, not one man having a failing grade in any subject. The other Brothers also fared well. We are trying hard to raise and keep the standard of Sigma Phi Epsilon where it will be noticed when the fraternity ratings are made public.

Directly after exams, we were busily occupied with the annual week festivities. Wednesday, January twentieth Boar's Head, the Dramatic Society presented "The Witching Hour". Bro. Moore '14 was the successful business manager as well as playing a leading part like an artist. The Society recognizing the faithful work and efforts of Bro. Filiatrault '14, has elected him to membership a great honor for a Senior.

Thursday evening, three hundred couples of the University society attended the Senior Ball held in our large gymnasium, made into a beautiful Japanese garden. Sigma Phi Epsilon was well represented and had one of the best decorated, largest, and most desirable boxes at the head of the hall. We are very glad that Bro. Taylor of Cornell was with us then as well as at our Formal Party Friday evening. The hall is the best that can be obtained in Syracuse, and the twenty-seven couples declared the party one of our finest.

That week, however, was only a lull in the full swing of indoor athletics and activities. Bro. Axtmann '14, manager of varsity Basket Ball, has a team which has played five games without a defeat. Daily, the aspirants to the Fraternity Basket-Ball team are practicing to keep

Sigma Phi Epsilon at the top of her league. Much interest and enthusiasm has been aroused by the formation of an inter-fraternity relay league. Four races are run before each Varsity Basket Ball game. These friendly clashes are expected to disclose some fine track material. Bros. Clark '16 and Arnold '14 are working hard for places in the middle distance track events. We are proud that Coach Keane's find of the season is Bro. "Kink" Rulison '14. Coach picked "Kink" as second choice to be one of the four men to run in the mile relay at the Boston A. A. games, but Fate said no, for "Kink" sprained an ankle in practice only two days before the race. We hope to be able to give a better report in our next letter.

Bro. Francis '14, who won his "A S A" last year as a member of the Junior crew, and Bros. Clearwater '14 and Weatherup '14 answered Coach Ten Eyck's call for crew candidates. Bro. Eckberg, a husky Chautauqua chap and Bro. Gilmore, better known as "Slats" look good for the Frosh crew. Bro. Cookingham is after the "Frosh" coxswain.

After seemingly lying dormant for some time, a new religious spirit and enthusiasm has been awakened in the University. This is partly due to the interest aroused by the returning delegates to the Student Volunteer Convention in Kansas. Bros. Baker '14, Gordon Hoople '15 and Sutton '16 were prominent members of the delegation from Syracuse.

Bros. Baker, G. Hoople and Thompson '15 are anxiously awaiting the base ball call.

Bro. Douglas '16 is kept busy as an associate editor of the Daily Orange. Bro. Eckburg '17 is gathering news for the same paper while Bro. Sutton serves on the Onondagan Board.

Just to introduce two new Brothers, initiated Jan. 30:

Robert William Woods, Fine Arts, Music, '16, Sherburne, N. Y.  
Earl Buell Collins, Fine Arts, Organ and Piano, '16, Rushford,  
N. Y.

Two fine men, who have sterling Sigma Phi Epsilon qualities.

The fellows are sorry that more were not in town when so many Alumni dropped in during the holidays.

In closing, New York Alpha sends her best wishes for a successful spring term to all.

Fraternally,

*Matthew E. Conklin,*

*Chapter Historian.*

NEW YORK ALPHA.

## VIRGINIA EPSILON.

### WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Meets every Saturday night at 10:00 P. M., in Chapter House, No. 5  
University Place, Lexington, Virginia.

Since the writing of our last letter many things have happened. Christmas, with its joyous season of festivities and mirth, has come and gone and we are prone to wonder where on earth the time could have gone so quickly. For before we could more than realize that "Xmas" had come, we had been home, had feasted on the fatted calf killed in

celebration of the return of the prodigal, and had returned with the coming of the New Year to the work and serious things of college. Of course, we all made many grand New Year resolutions, some of which we will no doubt keep and more of which we will break. But the one resolution which was made by each and every man in the Chapter was, that, during the present year and through all of the coming future years of our lives we are going to work steadily and earnestly for Sigma Phi Epsilon. To make it greater and larger and stronger, to bring the members closer together, and bind them with strong and tender bonds of enduring brotherhood; to this task we consecrate our most earnest efforts.

Shortly after the reopening of college after Christmas we held our annual initiation and banquet at our Chapter House. Five goats were to be led through the holy mysteries and as the hour for the initiation approached they, to say the least, showed unmistakable signs of nervousness and apprehension of the coming trials. We were more than pleased to have with us on this occasion, Brother Edwards of Virginia Theta, Brother Arnold of Virginia Delta and Brother Newton, an alumnus of our own Chapter. And we think that we may safely say that the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present, even the goats.

We are very glad indeed to introduce to the fraternity at large the following new brothers, initiated January 15, 1914:

William Taylor Higgins, Law, '15, Norfolk, Va.

Joel West Flood, Arts, '17, Appomattox, Va.

Frederick Fagg Malloy, Arts, '17, Asheville, N. C.

Ernest Gary, Arts, '17, Abbeville, S. C.

Henry Jackson Blackford, Arts, '17, Bardane, W. Va.

We are proud to have these men as brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon, and we know that they will prove of incalculable worth to the fraternity. Men like these, men of unfaltering diligence and highly meritorious character never fail to be an ornament to anything with which they identify themselves. We pray for these new brothers and for all new brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon the greatest success and hope that they may be as loyal to the fraternity as it will be faithful and true to them.

The Basket Ball season is in full blast and Washington and Lee is fighting hard for the Championship of the Division. Tomorrow night's game with the University of Virginia will settle the question and so of course there is a great deal of excitement in college concerning the coming of this important event. Brother Caminero is battling faithfully at forward on the scrub team and is showing up rather well.

In closing we wish to extend our best wishes to all Sister Chapters and all Brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon. We remain,

Fraternally,

A. Wendell Mann,  
*Chapter Historian.*

VIRGINIA EPSILON.

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## VIRGINIA ZETA.

### RANDOLH-MACON COLLEGE

Meets every Saturday night at 11:00 P. M. at Chapter House,  
Ashland, Va.

Virginia Zeta extends greetings to one and all of her sister chapters

in this her mid-winter letter to the Journal. Since the last letter many things of interest have happened at R.-M., most important was the first term examinations. Tho' no brilliant record was made, still it is with pride we report that on the whole our chapter stands first in scholarship. With the few failures to overcome at the next two examinations, it is not at all unlikely that this will prove a record breaking year.

Aside from scholarship other phases of college life are consuming much of our attention. Brother "Dago" Walker is leading the basketball quint to the finish of a most successful season. R.-M.'s chance for the championship of the Eastern Division is very bright. Brother "Shorty" Pope, President of the senior class and manager of the annual, is getting out a publication that will do credit to any University. Brother Pope is a leader of college men and has shown his executive ability in every thing he has undertaken. Brothers Copley and Hunnicutt were equal to the occasion, when it came to the preliminaries to the intercollegiate debates, and were chosen to represent R.-M. against Richmond College and William and Mary. These Brothers hope to settle the question as to the length of the term of the President of the U. S., which has been perplexing the American people for a hundred and twenty-five years. Brother Potts Amory has been elected from Wash Hall to the Southerlin Oritorical contest. Brother Copley has been elected Valedictorian of the senior class, and Brother Pope assistant play wright. Brother Hunnicutt, leader of the Glee Club and Art Editor of the annual, has been signally honored by being elected to membership to the Tau Kappa Alpha (honor Fraternity for oratory and debate). Virginia Zeta is alive with enthusiasm, which is evidenced by the fact that she is accomplishing things in every field of college life. Lets keep up the good work, and prove that we have a place to fill in college activities.

With the passing of the winter months and the approach of spring the brotherly spirit seems to grow upon each of us. It seems that the new Brothers do not truly realize the lasting friendship, which flows from every Sigma Phi, until the arrival of these balmy days, when we can gather at the Chapter House to enjoy that wonderful attraction each Brother has for the other. Well do we ask, how shall we be able to leave in June. It will be especially hard for those of us graduating to leave our Fraternity, and lay down those activities which have been pleasures and at the same time most helpful in the preparation for the school of life. Although we shall have only one senior another session, still the younger Brothers are fully able to keep Va. Zeta foremost, and we have no fears for the future.

It was with regret that we had to give up Brother "Peg" Brown, who was forced to leave college on account of his eyes. We hope they will permit his return to us next session, for "Peg" is a genteel chap in every particular. There are thirteen Brothers in the Chapter at present, with one of the best freshmen on the campus pledged, whom we shall introduce to the Fraternity in our next letter.

On January the first a hundred and fifty thousand dollar fund was added to the already large endowment of Randolph-Macon, and on the return of the students of the next session another new dormitory will have been added to the campus. This means that R.-M. can accommo-

date a larger number of students, and consequently there will be a larger field from which to select Fraternity material.

Va. Zeta's Chapter House is situated on R. R. ave. and the doors swing wide to any Brother who chanches this way.

Fraternally,

*E. L. Copley,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

VIRGINIA ZETA.

## GEORGIA ALPHA.

### GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY.

Meets every Saturday night at 8:00 P. M. at Chapter House, 14 West North Avenue, Atlanta, Va.

The greatest thing in the Chapter life of Ga. Alpha since our last letter was the announcement by the Grand Chapter that the 1914 conclave will be held in Atlanta, November 23, 24, and 25. We are already at work, aiding the Atlanta alumni association in planning for the entertainment of the visiting brothers, and we have every reason to believe that the coming conclave is to be the best in the history of our fraternity. Atlanta offers unusual advantages for the conclave, and we hope a large number of Sigma Phi Epsilon's will take advantage of the occasion to visit the South's Premier City.

Winter exams are just over, with all of our men safely passed and given good schedules for the spring term. In the class room as well as in the social and athletic activities, Sigma Phi Epsilon strives to lead, and our good reputation with the faculty is a proof of our success. A successful house dance was given on February 7, and was especially merry because the dreaded exam days were over.

Brother H. S. McCary, '13, who was an instructor in architecture last fall, gave up his place, to accept a more desirable one with the Richmond Va. High School, the first of this year. His chair is admirably filled, however, by Bro. Phil Shultze, '11.

Our Basket Ball team, of which Bro. Forbes Bradley is captain, has won several important games so far. Besides Bro. Bradley, Sigma Phi Epsilon has Bro. Struppa representing her on the varsity team, with Bros. Broadnax and Francis on the reserves. Bro. Francis, whose full name is Robt. Lee Francis, Jr., was initiated on February 6. He hails from Asheville, N. C., a stronghold of Sigma Phi Epsilon and is a M. E. freshman.

In Base Ball we have Bro. Paul Beard, who is assistant manager, and Bros. Broadnax, Hammond, Francis and Malone, of last year's varsity, out for places on the team. Indoor practice has just commenced and the largest squad in years is out.

A number of visiting Brothers have been at the house of late, Bro. Hal McCoy, of Va. Eta., paid us a pleasant visit early in the winter. Bros. E. N. Atkinson, of Va. Epsilon, W. P. Lewis of Va. Alpha, Ellis and Cooper of Mass Alpha, and a number of the alumni of the local chapter have also been with us. Bro. K. Y. Rockwell, of Va. Epsilon, has located in Atlanta with the Marsengale Bulletin System. We are always pleased to welcome visiting Brothers and hope all who pass



through Atlanta will make 14 West North Ave. their headquarters. Brother L. D. Semmes has gone to Tallulah Falls, Ga., as wireless operator at the station there.

Early in January a great surprise was sprung on the chapter, when announcement was made of the marriage in October of Bro. Willis J. Milner, Jr., to Miss Virginia Cohen, of Marietta, Ga. This interesting event was witnessed by Bro. Gayle, who proved that he was good at keeping a secret. Bro. Milner has left school to enter the business world and his place as President has been filled by the election of Brother Paul Yopp.

The Glee Club has started, and Bros. Gayle, Hope, Smith and Burns are prominent members. Bro. Burns who left school last October because of ill health, re-entered at the beginning of the second term.

Every Sigma Phi Epsilon in this section is preparing for the conclave, and we look for a large delegation from every chapter.

Faternally,

*Thos. C. Whitner, Jr.,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

GEORGIA ALPHA.

## DELAWARE ALPHA.

### DELAWARE STATE COLLEGE

Meets every Wednesday at 7 P. M. at the Chapter House, Newark, Dela.

Delaware Alpha is now recovering from the strenuous work of examinations for the first term of the college year. All the brothers came through with good showing.

Since our last letter we gave our annual dance on Jan. 9th., and it was declared by all to be the best dance for years. The music under the direction of Brother Martin was exceptionally good. The ballroom was beautifully decorated with banners and pennants. In the center a square was formed by the banners of the four fraternities in college. From this square strings of penants extended to each corner of the hall. In the front of the hall hung the "Heart", surrounded by purple and red lights. As this was our sixth annual dance the sixth number on the program was reserved for Sigma Phi Epsilon men only. At the beginning of the dance a grand march was led by Brother Cranston. At the end of the march the couples were formed in the shape of a heart. We then gave the S. P. E. yell and started on the waltz. We were glad to have Brothers, Foster, Littleton and Sutch of the Pa. Delta Chapter at the dance. Among the alumni present were Bros. Smith, Jolls, Taylor, Attix, Sloan, Levis and many others.

On Feb. 4th we gave a smoker in the fraternity house to prospective pledges. The evening was spent in cards, speeches, and music. Brothers Dr. Sypherd and Prof. Tiffany were present.

Delaware Alpha expects to get some good men next fall, for there are already a large number of students applying for admission to College, many of whom are well known to the Brothers.

Dr. Harter has resigned from his chair as president of Delaware College, and a new man will soon be appointed. With the new Womans Affiliated College opening this year things will certainly hum around old Delaware soon and Sigma Phi Epsilon will progress along with the college.

Plans will be submitted at our annual reunion in May for building a new chapter house. We have a very good house now and in a good location, but we feel that we need one more suited to the needs of a Fraternity.

Brother McCafferty is manager of the Basket Ball team this year. Bros. L. G. and F. J. Gibney are on the editorial board of the Delaware Farmer, a new agriculture paper published by the College.

Brother Lindsay is business manager of the "Review."

Mulholland, a pledge, won second place in the inter-collegiate cattle judging contest at Chicago, getting the prize of a scholarship to Cornell University.

Wishing every success to all our sister chapters, we are,  
Fraternally,

W. L. Torbert,

*Chapter Historian.*

DELAWARE ALPHA.

## VIRGINIA ETA UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Meets every Sunday 12:45 P. M. in Fraternity Rooms, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Prosperity is in the land and Virginia Eta is getting her full share. We hate to brag and all that, but things just look so rosy that we can not restrain a little boasting. We wouldn't go so far as to say that the new tariff has had any hand in our optimism but our attempt has been to imitate Virginia's distinguished alumnus by fulfilling the pledges made in our final letter of last spring when we said that we would make this the most prosperous year of our existence.

Installed in a new house, the fellows have worked hard. The result speaks for itself. We ask first to announce the initiation of two new brothers to the fold on Jan. 10, 1914.

James William Hinton, Med., '19, Reedsville, Va.

Maury Hudson Hughes, Law, '16, Dallas, Tex.

These two initiates with those already announced make the largest enrollment the chapter has had for several years. Both men are goats of whom we feel justly proud.

Winter practice of the baseball squad has been going merrily on for a week or so now. Virginia has fine prospects for a winning team. Brother Gillette has shown up well in the early work. He will give someone a hard tussle for a position in the infield this season. Brothers Jack White and Harris have worked with the track team in the preliminaries of the indoor season.

The reports from the Christmas Exams show that the scholarship of the chapter is well above the average.

An account of the winter months would be incomplete without a word about the big soiree of Jan. 24. Almost the whole of college par-took of our hospitality on that occasion. It was a memorable night. The new piano was kept going far into the wee small hours of the morning.

Brother Gelzer of V. M. I. was a welcome visitor for a few days this month. He was attempting to arrange a suitable course in chemistry but his late arrival prevented.

Again we beg leave to call attention to the fact that the latch-string is always on the outside for traveling brothers.

Fraternally,

J. W. Harris,

*Chapter Historian.*

VIRGINIA ETA.

### ARKANSAS ALPHA. UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS.

Meets every Monday at 7:30 P. M. at Chapter House, 346 Arkansas Ave., Fayetteville, Ark.

It is with pleasure that Arkansas Alpha again lays aside her college work to extend greetings to all her sister chapters in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

First semester examinations have just passed and we are anxiously awaiting the report of the committee on statistics, for we feel assured that Arkansas Alpha will still maintain her usual place near the top in the scholarship column. We are especially proud of our Freshmen, for they seem already to have got the Sigma Phi Epsilon spirit.

Baseball soon will be the chief source of interest in the University for the first warm days have broken up the winter league and the squad may be seen at work each afternoon under the direction of Brother S. R. Stout, who is captain of the Varsity this year.

This is Brother Stout's fourth year on the Varsity and besides being a valuable asset to the team, he will be a great help to Coach Pickering in developing for Arkansas a winning team for 1914. Sigma Phi Epsilon will be well represented, having six men on the squad, three of whom are sure of a berth.

Since the last letter to the JOURNAL, we have added to our roll:

Initiated January 19:

Eldridge Parrish Douglass, Civ. Eng., '16, Helena, Ark.

Whom we wish to introduce to the fraternity at large as a man of exceptional ability. "Dong" is some engineer and is already startling the scientific world by his marvelous revision in the art of levee construction.

Again wishing all the sister chapters unbounded success, we remain,

Fraternally,

E. P. Fletcher,

*Chapter Historian.*

ARKANSAS ALPHA.

## PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

## LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Meets every Monday 7:30 P. M. at Chapter House. So. Bethlehem, Pa.

Around this time of the year there seems to be a gnashing of teeth, groans are more in evidence due to the terrible slaughter around midyears. This term we are fortunate to say only thirty-five men flunked out; of these there were the foot-ball and basket-ball captains and our star center. This action of the faculty will, no doubt, have a depressing effect on the sports. Not only is this in evidence with the winter sports, but we have also lost, due to deficiencies in studies, the captain of the track team. The requirements here are that no man will be allowed to stay in college unless he has passed off ten term hours.

At the beginning of the year there were two vacancies in the house, but now all vacancies are taken up. So far we have initiated two freshmen and still have four pledges who will be ready shortly to be taken in. All of these men are in good scholastic standing and should in time be moulded into excellent material.

About the most important event around college has been the adoption of the new honor system. It is rather original in the fact that a man gets two chances to prove his honor. For example, if one man sees another cheating he has the right to go up and say to him: "Now, see here, if I catch you cheating again I will report you to the Arcadia." This is the honor court, and its decisions are final. It weighs the evidence pro and con and can give a full verdict. If the same man is caught in any dishonest work again, the accuser either sees one of the members of the Arcadia or else communicates to them in writing. The accused man is brought up for the last time when the evidence is weighed. This seems to be about the only practical way to solve the honor question, for heretofore another man would not report a case of dishonesty—hence he was dishonest himself.

The new Arts Building "Coppee Hall," is nearly ready for occupancy and is very complete in its accessories. The same is true of the new gymnasium in regard to which we all are justly proud. The completion of same will mark a new era in athletics here at Lehigh, for it fills a want which has always existed. This will be only true in one respect, what good are all these improvements unless we can hold our athletes?

On February 23rd will be celebrated Washington's Birthday; this is generally a red letter day in college activities. In the morning will be the annual Junior Oratorical contest while in the afternoon the buildings already mentioned will be dedicated.

Fraternally,

*Jewell Clark,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

## OHIO GAMMA.

## OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Meets every other Monday evening at Chapter House No. 1550 Neil Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

Judgment is being pronounced upon us. All about us there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. The big judges are sorting us impartially; the good to the one side, the bad to the other. It is appalling to think of the sickness that is about to develop in our midst. Oh! the eyes that are sore; the nerves that are wrecked; and the operations that are pending! But Ohio Gamma hopes to lose no one through the prevailing sickness "flunkitis". In spite of the news that some of the semester reports convey, we are even yet in the competition for the loving cup.

Collegiate attention is concentrated in Basket Ball and the Junior Promenade. The basket ball situation at "Ohio" is quite pleasing. As yet "Ohio" has been defeated by no conference team except Chicago. In this branch of the major sports, Ohio Gamma has no representative.

The other of the important features is the Junior Prom. Bro. Anson Brown, who is a member of the Junior social committee, assures us that the Prom is to excel any in years, in every respect. A large delegation from our chapter is to be in attendance.

Bro. Roll Markwith has recently been initiated into Alpha Kappa Kappa, the professional medical fraternity. Aesculi, the honorary forestry society, claims three of our men, Bros. Jones and Darnell and Pledge Richardson.

Bros. Geissman and Holt are training for track, the former, who holds the Big Six championship for the shot put, will no doubt win points for Ohio with his shot and hammer, while Hobby will work in the Four-forty. Pledge Thompson is doing promising work on the track. He is featuring in the dashes.

Sometime since, Ohio Gamma entertained with an informal "Tango" at Rader's Oak. Thanks to our social committee, this was an occasion worthy of a memorable place in our history.

We wish to acknowledge the appreciated visit of our Grand President and Grand Secretary. Bros. Griffin and Phillips were welcomed with a "Pig Roast" at the House.

With the seething turmoil of the mid-year re-adjustment going on about us, we cannot pause long over our chapter letter. We wish in closing, therefore, to extend to our sister chapters our heartiest desires for a successful closing of this, the first semester.

Fraternally,

Earl Huffer,  
Chapter Historian.

OHIO GAMMA.

## VERMONT ALPHA. NORWICH UNIVERSITY.

Meets every other Sunday, 2 P. M., in Chapter House, Northfield, Vt.

Vermont Alpha wishes to introduce her new initiates, eleven in number, nine of which are freshmen.

The new brothers are as follows:

Alfred Lyons Baylies, C. E., '17, Taunton, Mass.  
 Earl Fraser Beer, E. E., '17, Fitchburg, Mass.  
 Winthrop Herbert Bent, Chem., '17, Watertown, Mass.  
 Arthur Walsh Bush, E. E., '17, Lawrence, Mass.  
 Wayne Edson Davis C. E., '17, Rutland, Vermont.  
 George Arthur Mitchie, C. E., '17, Lexington, Mass.  
 Richard McKenzie Parker, C. E., '17, Montgomery, Vt.  
 William Merrill Scamman, Chem., '17, Lexington, Mass.  
 Ronald Pattetn Wildes, S. & L., '17, Melrose, Highlands, Mass.  
 George Stewart Bennett, S. & L., '15, Manchester, Vt.  
 Edward James Collins, C. E., '14, Northfield, Vt.

On February 1st we had the honor of entertaining brothers Ellis, Johnson, and Davis from Dartmouth College. The chapters of Norwich and Dartmouth are planning to hold a joint banquet in the near future, and we all are looking forward to a good time. Another pleasant evening is assured at our Fraternity dance which will take place this month.

Brother Munsell, Captain of the Varsity Baseball Team is expecting a most successful season. Many promising candidates have appeared in the Freshman class. "Heine" is also captain of the Rifle Team, which trimmed Harvard by a good margin, a short time ago.

Brother Anthony, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia for the past two months, is now recuperating at his home in Rutland. We are hoping that he will soon be among us.

"Hank" Pervis, 1916, has secured an appointment to West Point, and will soon leave to take his physical examination. We wish him the best of success, but we are sorry to have him leave us.

During Mid-year examinations all military duties were suspended. We are glad to say that all our brothers were successful. Brother Brierly, of the senior class stands highest in the Civil Engineering Department closely followed by Brothers Wilson, Dunham and Gilmour. To all appearances this will be a most successful year for us.

In closing, we wish all our brothers the best of success for the ensuing year. Remember that our Chapter House is always open to all brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Fraternally,

A. W. Bush,  
*Chapter Historian, Pro Tem.*

VERMONT ALPHA.

## ALABAMA ALPHA.

## ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Meets every Friday, 7:30 P. M., in Chapter House, Auburn, Alabama.

Second mid-terms are just over; the boys all report passes, and Sigma Phi Epsilon at Auburn is breathing easy again. Basketball is in full swing; class football is approaching the deciding games, and baseball is just beginning. The weather continues as mild as early spring, so that even the trees have quickened up and seem about to put on new life. With minds tranquil, with hearts glad Alabama Alpha joyfully communes with her sister chapters.

Along the baseball we must mention Brother J. M. Davis. As Auburn's leading pitcher he ranks very high among the college athletes of the South. The whole team is strong this year and it is going to lead other teams a merry race for championship honors. Brother Davis is also manager of the Senior class football team.

And others of our members are equally as energetic in college activity. Brother Bostwick is treasurer of the freshman class. Brother Tichenor is secretary and treasurer of the freshman german club. Brother Teague is floor manager of the sophomore club, and Brother Meador is floor manager of the Senior Hop Committee. Brothers Teague and Meador were recently elected to membership in the Thendara Club, the one exclusive social club in Auburn. We have no representative on the basketball team but several of our men are starring in class football. Brother Tichenor recently won a handsome silver medal by getting second place in a cross country run.

Since our last letter Brother Hart has been away from college for two months, but we have the cheering news that he will soon return. Brother Hart is also a Thendara, a tribute to his popularity in college circles. At the same time with the absence of Brother Hart we can record a happy addition to our chapter. Brother Gordon W. Ells of Mass. Alpha is occupying the position of Field Assistant in the Department of Entomology. He rooms at the chapter house and has already made himself one of us.

The mid-year festivities, the twenty-second of February dances, are near at hand and the social interest is centered on them. To add to the significance of the event many fair Sigma Phi Epsilon girls are expected. The pounding hearts and furtive smiles of several of our members heralded this long ago.

We close with sincerest wishes for the success of every chapter and every member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Fraternally,

G. S. Waits,  
*Chapter Historian.*

ALABAMA ALPHA.

**NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA.****TRINITY COLLEGE.**

Meets every Wednesday evening at 8:00 P. M. in Chapter Rooms, Durham, N. C.

It is with a spirit of vim and enthusiasm, inspired by all that is high and noble to our "Sacred Heart", that we, the members of North Carolina Gamma, send greetings to every member in Sigma Phi Epsilon, in this the first issue of our Journal for 1914.

We have just emerged from one of those awful crises which comes to every man in his college career. A crisis, in the form of mid-year examinations, which is and should be a trial and a test of all the manhood that one can command. We are proud to say that all of us have escaped from such an entanglement and not in the least impaired, but inspired to do better work in the future for the furtherance of the ideals of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Now we would not attempt to convey the idea that our minds are made of material superior to that of some of our colleagues, but we do feel good when we can say that we have fought a good fight and have tried to up-hold the things that are worth while.

In athletics Trinity has taken a great stand,—a stand for purity, and a purity that we are not in the least ashamed of. We are now in the midst of our basket-ball schedule. Although we haven't a representative on the quintette this season, we do not lose heart, for we have very promising material for the future. In base-ball we have taken the aggressive part. Brother Kanipe, better known in the base-ball world as Dina the horse-shoe pitcher, has for the past two seasons assumed a position on the varsity as first pitcher, and we are again looking forward to the time when he will be in great form, and we won't feel any delicacy in risking our stakes on him. Brother Shore, an athlete of former renown, will also be out in great style, and wonders are expected of him.

The rushing season is about over, and we have in line some of the best men on the park. Our annual initiation will take place on the 14th. of this month, and we invite all our brothers to participate in making it interesting for the freshman.

In conclusion we wish to extend to all a standing invitation to make us a visit. With very best wishes and most sincere regards, we are,

Fraternally,

*Robt. Matthews,*

NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA.

*Chapter Historian.*

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**NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.****DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.**

Meets every Wednesday 7:15 P. M. in Chapter Rooms, Bridgeman Block, Hanover, N. H.

The opening of the new semester finds everybody in New Hampshire Alpha with one thought uppermost in mind, the pledging of



new men and the making of new Sigma Phi Epsilons. Chinning day comes February twenty-fourth and after that day we fell confident of introducing the usual number of good men to the fraternity at large.

Interfraternity activities are making the winter months here more bearable than at present. A bowling league has been in progress for a couple of months. We so far have won about one half of the matches with hopes of climbing higher before the season ends. A basket ball league has been formed, in which we have a team entered, which is now practicing for the opening games.

College activities are rather quiet during the middle of the winter and especially during the periods surrounding the exams. Brother C. F. Durgin has achieved the great honor of being elected a varsity captain in his sophomore year. He was by far the best undergraduate on the cross-country team last fall. The struggle in the sophomore class for assistant managerships is, however, now in progress and we are represented in the list of candidates by Brother R. A. Brown. There is a "no-deal" agreement at present in force in the college whereby vote swapping is prohibited and all men stand on their merit as judged by the sophomore class. We have hopes that their judgment will be clear and in our favor.

The social life of within the fraternity has been enlivened lately by informal meetings Saturday night at which recreations, refreshments and some serious thought have been indulged in. We find that a collection of ideas looks differently when all are present than when all the ideas are taken separately. Our quarters have been recently greatly improved by some work on the floors, and by the purchase of new furniture and rugs.

Since our last letter we have lost one of our number by graduation, Brother C. L. Kingsford having had the ability to complete the regular course in three years and a half. We will miss "Doc's" presence but hope that the early start he is getting in the work he takes up will be of advantage to him. Brother Kingsford was always a good brother and a man not afraid to "dust in" and do things for the fraternity when he saw that he could help. We can truly say of him that the fraternity here is better because of him.

In closing New Hampshire Alpha wishes success to her sister chapters in coming activities.

Fraternally,

D. George Wheatley,  
*Chapter Historian.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA.

### GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

Meets every Saturday night at 8:15 in the Chapter House, 1502 Vermont Ave., Washington, D. C., Phone North 3007.

As ships pass in the black of night through troubled waters, so also those dreaded bogies—the "mid years" have come and gone, but thanks to much good old-fashioned boneing our boys escaped a ship

wreck and are now resting gratefully in the lull following the storm.

When the last chapter letter was sent, D. C. Alpha was looking forward to a Christmas vacation. Now that's a thing of the past but few of us will soon forget the good times. Christmas eve staged a jolly dinner party "all to ourselves," when our next door neighbors were kind enough to send us a beautiful pennant and equally luscious cake which you may know was much appreciated. On the following Monday we had our big dance at the Cairo and on every evening and afternoon following that there were sorority functions as that was their rushing period. Our men were fortunate in securing a large proportion of the invitations.

On January 15th the long heralded Inter-Fraternity Smoker was held at the University Club and was pronounced even better than last year. More than 200 fraternity men were gathered to make merry. D. C. Alpha felt signally honored when President Stockton in his speech personally thanked Sigma Phi Epsilon and Kappa Sigma for the loyal support they were giving the University by their annual subscription to it. Particular interest centered in the "stunts" that each fraternity did. Our special feature was a solo most pleasingly rendered by Brother Kurger, who, by the way, is President of the Association. It was interesting to note in the addresses of the evening, the urgent appeal to fraternity men to stand firmly together to combat anti-fraternism. It is evident that fraternity men are awakening to their danger and organizing their forces.

The inter-fraternity basket ball league of eight teams is now in full swing and competition for the trophy is keen. D. C. Alpha played their first game on Tuesday night and won from Phi Sigma Kappa—11 to 5. We have great hopes! ! Brother Harold Brown was a particular star. Others playing and substituting were Brothers Paul (manager) Barton, Wooley, Wilson, Osbon, Hunter, Hunt and Kruger.

Now that examinations are over dancing has again become the vogue. On February 5th we had a most delightful house dance and on the 23rd we are planning another the "dansant." February 14th is the night of our 2nd term rush smoker, so "Frosh" beware! !

More benedicts and benedictines! ! Brothers Arthur Wooley and Percy Gates are the latest victims to the wiles of women. Congratulations most hearty. We sure will miss Brother Wooley's active support, however.

Brother Clarence Wilson is the proud father of a 10-pdr, a girl! Congratulations to the kid.

D. C. Alpha has seemed to be a mecca for visiting brothers lately. Two of the old scouts, Brothers Lacey Moore and Powell dropped in last week from the South. Brother Bell of Delaware was with us last meeting night and Brother Long is paying us a visit which we hope will last several weeks. Brother Rudolph Schmitt is back in town for a month, after a two-years' cruise around the world on the Carnegie non-magnetic ship making observations. In his capacity as navigating officer he has had many interesting experiences. He likes Peru especially and when he returns there in a few weeks, will climb the highest peak and establish a station. You can't keep those Schmitt boys down.

In conclusion D. C. Alpha extends the wish to other chapters that their future success may even exceed their present achievements. (That's some "order" if chapter letters are true histories.)

Fraternally,

Ross H. Johnson,

*Chapter Historian.*

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA.

## KANSAS ALPHA

### BAKER UNIVERSITY

Meets every Thursday night at 7:30 in Chapter House, 602 Ninth Street, Baldwin, Kansas.

Kansas Alpha again sends a brief message of greetings to her sister chapters. Very little of interest has transpired since our last letter. Our semester examinations have become an experience of the past, however, and we are well started on the new semester.

Some of our men are now very much interested over the college glee club trip. The Santa Fe R. R. is to take the club to the coast, Los Angeles to be the terminal. Eight concerts are to be given on the way out, for which the railroad provides the Club with a special car and all eating expenses. Three of our men expect to take the trip, but nothing definite is known yet. A report will doubtless be made in the next letter. The date of departure is set for March 23, and it is expected that three or four weeks will be required to complete the journey.

Our basket-ball season is now on in earnest, and a very successful season it is to be sure. Brother Mueller, the Captain, has been very unfortunate in that he received a very severe ankle-sprain just before the season opened, which has kept him out of the game until recently. However, our team in this crippled condition has been very successful. We are now tied with Washburn for Kansas Conference Championship. Our two games with Washburn were of especial interest, excitement running high. We won from them by one point on their court, and lost to them by two points on our own court. The season will end in about two weeks.

We regret to report that our brother and alumnus, Fred A. Price, '10, who has been such a help to our chapter, has left our city. He has gone to Lawrence, Kansas, to take up the work of Circulation Manager of the Lawrence Daily Journal-World. We wish him success in his new field. We are glad to report visits from Brothers Cyril Horn, and Irving "Squirt" Smith very recently.

With best wishes for success in all the undertakings of Sigma Phi Epsilon, we are

Fraternally yours,

David E. Urner,

*Chapter Historian.*

KANSAS ALPHA.

### CALIFORNIA ALPHA UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Meets every Monday 7:15 P. M., 1711 Euclid Ave., Berkeley, Cal.  
Phone Berk. 3088.

Four weeks of college have already gone by, at the present writing, and it will not be long now, before the end of the term comes, and with it the longed-for holidays. To some of us, this will be welcomed, to others not so agreeable, when they consider that their college life henceforth, will be a thing of the past. Four men are expecting to graduate and consequently they are working hard. If some of this spirit could be imbibed into the underclassmen, how much easier it would be for them, when their last year arrives.

On December 31st a dinner was indulged in, at Richards Cafe, in Portland, Oregon, by all of the Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers that could be scared up. This included Brothers E. C. Arnold of Kansas Alpha; Roger Morse, of Washington Alpha; George Cornwall, Jack Compton, U. S. Attix and Ralph Staehli, of California Alpha.

After our appetites were satisfied we adjourned to the Lyric Theatre, where a chorus girl show was in progress, and we soon had the attention of all the girls. Especially popular were Brothers Attix and Arnold, and for married men they certainly have not forgotten their college days.

Our house opened on Saturday January 10th, and by noon all men intending to enter college, for this term, were present, but three. We were visited that day, by Brothers Foote, Bennet, Davis, Schweninger, Anderson and Evans. W. Ball, Jr. was lost to us by graduation, and since the term started T. Weldon has taken out a leave of absence.

On Saturday evening, January 17th, our first informal dance was given at the house, and was well attended. Quite a few of the Alumni were present.

Fred A. Black, '12, College of Mining, and Miss Vera Daniels, of Oakland, were married on Friday evening January 16th, at the bride's home in Piedmont. Several of the brothers attended the ceremony.

In the line of athletics Sigma Phi Epsilon will hold her own with the other fraternities. In California, spring athletics are on in full force, for the rains have probably left us until fall.

In track Brother E. R. Crabbe, '14, was elected to captain the 1914 Varsity team. Prospects for a winning team are good, though we would feel safer if Brother Shattuk '14, chosen for the All American Collegiate Team, were back with us. He is at present located on a farm in Fresno County, but will compete for the Olympic Club in the spring meets, and in the National Championships at New Orleans in July. We have several men out fighting for positions on the track squad, as well as on the baseball squad. The California track team will again invade the East, and is expecting to make a good showing, for the team is much stronger than last years, which though losing to Stanford, made a credible showing in both the Eastern and Western Conference Meets.

In the State Cross Country championships last December, California was returned winner of the first place cup just beating out the S. F. Y. M. C. A. team. Brother Crabbe captained the team, and was the

first California man to finish. Men who compete in this event are awarded a minor sport emblem—a circle “C.”

We have a team playing in the inter-fraternity series of basketball games. Up to date we have lost but one game, which is very good, considering we have no Varsity men in the house, but only a fair average bunch to choose from.

California and Stanford met at golf on the Burlingame links just before Christmas. Brother T. T. Weldon played in both two some and four some matches, and was rewarded with a gold medal. California won three of the five matches.

Fraternally,

H. W. Morton,

*Chapter Historian.*

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

## NEBRASKA ALPHA

### UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Meets every Monday, 7:00 P. M., at Chapter House, 1319 Q St.,  
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Nebraska Alpha extends greetings to her sister chapters and the wishes that during the coming semester they may be very successful. The past semester has for us, been one of the best in our history. We have been represented in almost every line of activity in this school, but we have at the same time kept in mind our scholarship requisites and while the semester's grades are not yet out, we feel that our ranking will be high.

In intellectual activities we have two laboratory assistants in Brothers Clark and Hager in the descriptive Geometry and Physics Labs. Brothers Clark and Peterson have been elected to Sigma Tau, the honorary engineering fraternity, and Pledge Purney to Delta Sigma Delta, the dental fraternity.

In literary work we have Brother Koupal as Associate Editor of the “Daily Nebraskan” and Brother Hager as reporter on the same, While Brother Taylor and Pledge Miller are on the “Awgwan” staff. We are well represented on both the Glee Club and on the Dramatic Club and in the try-outs for the Junior Play Brother Quinn made a good part. Brother Quinn and Brother Aldrich are working for a place on the wrestling team which will be picked shortly and both have very good chances of making a place.

The fifteenth of February is the day of the annual inter-fraternity indoor athletic meet and we are preparing to send out a strong team. The inter-fraternity basket ball season is also approaching and we are working hard to get a team in the best possible shape for it. Everything now looks very favorable in this respect and we will at the least make a very good showing.

Since our last letter we have had the pleasure of being entertained by a vaudeville show given by the pledges. This is an annual event upon which a good deal of preparation is put and is always made an evening of hilarity and celebration. On January twenty-third we had

what was voted to be the classiest informal we have ever given in our history. It was held at the new Lindell Hotel ball room; the music was excellent, the girls fitting "Sig Ep" partners, and it was withal the most enjoyable social event of the past semester.

We lose this semester by graduation, Brother Harry Cotton, one of the best scouts that ever wore a "Sig Ep" pin. He was one of the best known and best liked men in school and he will without a doubt make a name for himself in the engineering world. We have recently had very enjoyable visits with Brother Inhelder of Foster, Neb., and with Brother Slick Inness who has recently returned from the Mexican border.

In conclusion we extend wishes for success during the coming semester.

Fraternally,

*Clifford B. Scott,*

NEBRASKA ALPHA.

*Chapter Historian.*

## WASHINGTON ALPHA.

### WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

Meets every Sunday morning at 8:30 in the Chapter House, 511 Colorado St., Pullman, Washington.

Mid-year exams are over at last and every one is jubilant. Preparations are now going rapidly forward for our post-exam initiation. We have fourteen pledges who expect to enter the ranks of Sigma Phi Epsilon at this time. These men have already passed the fraternity examination, two having written better papers than any previously turned in at this chapter. They have also cleaned the house thoroughly from top to bottom. We feel confident that these men will each add strength to Sigma Phi Epsilon. In this connection we take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large:

James Sheridan Marr, Forestry, '13; Lake Bay, Wash.

Adolph Bloom, Forestry, '15; Cromwell, Wash.

These men were initiated December 27, '13. Both were members of our local before the installation of Sigma Phi Epsilon. At present "Sherry" Marr is engaged in the real-estate business around Puget Sound. Adolph Bloom is enrolled in Forestry at the University of Washington.

Athletics have been confined for some time to the rifle shoots. In the inter-fraternity shoot we were forced to take third place, the A. T. O. and Spinx Club winning first and second, respectively. Three of our pledges, however, have been shooting in the inter-collegiate rifle shoot and making good scores. Pledge Hathaway, besides winning both class and Idaho cross-country races and making a place on the intercollegiate rifle team, has been elected vice-president of his class. Pledge "Al" Alvord, a senior, and who held down a position at tackle this year, has been elected football captain for next season.

There has not been very much doing in the social sphere since the last letter, owing to the absence of so many for the Xmas holidays and the approach of final examinations. On January 3rd, however, we entertained about twenty couples at a holiday dance in the Chapter House.

Every one enjoyed himself to the utmost. Preparations are now being made for our annual formal dance, to be held the twenty-first of February. Efforts are being made to make this one even more successful than last year's.

Brothers Ness, Erskine, and Talley are temporarily absent on the Glee Club Trip. Brother Ness is also singing bass on the college quartette.

Our prospects for the coming semester have but one dark spot—we are forced to part with Brothers Howe, Stone, and Wilkinson, our chapter secretary, historian, and marshal, respectively. They will be greatly missed by all. Brothers Turner and W. Passmore have been elected to fill the positions left vacant by the departing Brothers. Brother Turner has been elected to Alpha Zeta, an honorary agriculture society. Brother L. Passmore has also brought home new honors—he has been elected editor-in-chief of the "1916 Chinook."

In closing we wish all our sister chapters the harmony and success which has been our lot in the past semester and which we are confident will increase as the year progresses.

Fraternally,

Waldo O. Passmore,

Chapter Historian.

WASHINGTON ALPHA.

## MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

### MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Meets every Monday at 7:00 P. M. in Chapter Hall, North Dormitory, Amherst Massachusetts.

Mid-year examinations are now over and Mass. Alpha has again settled down to its duties for the new semester. Our chapter has been very active during the past half-year. We were very fortunate in securing four places on the caste of Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors," the "Roister Doister" production of this season. The men who are successfully playing their parts are: Brothers Wheeler '14, Rogers '15, Nicholson '16, and Wilber '17. Brother Harrocks '16, our "talker", made second place in the annual college debate, thereby making the varsity team, winning a gold medal and fifteen dollars. Our championship indoor rifle team is tied with Michigan Aggies for the leadership of class "A" of the intercollegiate league. Brother Clark '14 is a very efficient member of the team. He has shot for three years, and he had the third highest intercollegiate individual standing in the 1912-13 season. On the college quartette we have Brother Nicholson '16 as first tenor, and Brother Blanpied '16 as first bass. These brothers are on the Glee Club as are also Brothers Allen '14, Wing '14, and Swett '17. Brothers Mattoon '16, Allen '14, and Haskell '15 are on the Mandolin Club. Brother Cushing '16 manipulates the traps in the orchestra. Brother Haskell is treasurer of the Junior Prom committee. It is very evident that the non-athletic brothers are doing their share in college activities.

Hockey and track are the two varsity sports which are now before us, and Aggie is represented by two strong teams. Our hockey team

is one of the best in the history of the college, and has met with but two set-backs, these at the hands of Harvard and Dartmouth. Both games terminated with a "sudden death" period and both were lost by one point, after our men had clearly outskated their rivals.

Brother Smith is a member of the varsity relay team, but Brother Favor is giving him a hard rub, and "Smithy" will have to extend himself to hold his place. Brother Coley holds the college record for the



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C. E. WHEELER,

Mass A.

Editor-in-Chief "The Signal."

mile. Brother Pike is again playing forward on his class basketball team, and also on the Aggie Independents. Brother Everbeck is playing on the Freshman basketball team, which has an extensive schedule.

On January seventeenth, the initiation banquet was held at the Amherst House. Thirty-five brothers were present, including Brother Raymond '12, and Brothers Burt Harris and Hutchings '13. Other alumni expressed regrets at not being able to be present, but as most of our alumni are widely scattered, their absence could not be helped. On the afternoon of the banquet day, the fraternity picture was taken.

The Junior Prom this year starts February thirteenth, and lasts until the fifteenth. Many of the brothers expect to attend, and help to make the big yearly social event the success it has been in the past.

Hoping each chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon has a successful semester we are,

Fraternally,

Joseph S. Pike, Jr.,  
Chapter Historian.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

### OHIO DELTA UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

Meets Monday night in Chapter House, 819 Beall Ave., Wooster, Ohio.

Ohio Delta has survived the ordeals or examination week and comes forth unscarred by any flunks. In fact, our report cards show our standing in scholarship to be enviable.



Just recently we passed the first anniversary of the downfall of the fraternities at Wooster, February 13. You can easily imagine the feeling of the fraternity people in college on that day as they looked back on the happy days of iraternity life and recalled in particular the day on which the calamity befell them. The anniversary was appropriately observed by the fraternity element, the sorority girls appearing in black with mourning vells and handkerchiefs, and the frat men with black bands about their sleeves and black crape beneath their badges. It was a half humorous and a half pathetic sight to see them congregating at chapel that morning.

Wooster's basket-ball season is rapidly passing. We have no wonderful victories to boast of, but can say the team has done splendid work. Brother Richards is playing a consistent game as guard. Brothers St. Clair and Weir as substitutes are keeping some of the team working to hold their positions.

Brother McCann succeeded in making captain of the first Varsity debating team. With two years of experience behind him and with the assistance of his able colleagues, he should succeed in winning a victory for Wooster from Allegheny. Forensic work in Wooster is exceedingly high and it is an honor to be on a team when the competition is so keen.

One of the customs of Ohio Delta that is keeping her lively this year is that of the every-member feed. Every one associated with the bunch, whether prep or regular member, gives a feed during the year, the expense of which has a maximum limit. Consequently, it is quite frequent that we have a jollification and keep alive the fraternity spirit.

Since the writing of our last letter, we have had a visit from our revered Grand Secretary W. L. Phillips. It certainly seems good to have him visit us. At the same time, to our delight and that of Brother Phillips, we had a visit from ex-Grand President N. R. Cooney.

Brothers Gault and Mosel of Steubenville have been up to see us. Brother Lowrie of Seville and Brother Behoteguy of Akron have visited us several times.

We hope that the remainder of the year will prove prosperous and happy to all chapters.

Fraternally,

*P. D. Twinem,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

OHIO DELTA.

## NEW YORK BETA.

### CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Meets every Sunday night at 6:45 P. M. at the Lodge, No. 112 Edgemoor Lane, Ithica, N. Y.

Mid-year exams have come and gone, and none of the brothers failed to pass up their work. Brother Harry V. Taylor leaves now, however, as he has satisfied all requirements for graduation in the recent examinations, but will return in June to receive his degree.

Between terms came Junior Week. We had fourteen girls and

two chaperons here from out of town for the Junior Week house party. The girls arrived on Tuesday and Wednesday and left on Sunday. The Junior Week events were the Musical Clubs Concert, Sophomore Cotillon, Masque, Organ Recital, Junior Prom, Orchestra Concert, Columbia-Cornell Hockey game and Yale-Cornell Basketball game, and innumerable tea dances and evening dances at the various fraternity houses. On Thursday evening, after the Masque, New York Beta gave a dance at the Lodge. Dancing started at 11 o'clock, and ended at 6 o'clock Friday morning. About 150 guests beside the guests staying at the house here during the evening. The party was the best affair held here during the memory of any of the undergraduates.

Brother Caldwell is running on the Indoor relay team. During the race at Boston on February 6th he fell and was badly bruised, but expects to be in condition to run in the next race.

With the beginning of the second term, work in all branches of athletics is being pursued more strenuously. In track we have dual meets with Pennsylvania and Harvard here next spring, and a meet with Michigan at Ann Arbor. Every effort is being made to win the intercollegiates this year, as a victory this year will give Cornell permanent possession of the cup. Brothers Caldwell, Mehaffey, Cheney, Abbott and Cooper are working hard at track every day.

In Crew, Cornell has the hardest schedule ever attempted. May 24th we meet Yale and Princeton here in a triangular race; four days later the same crew will race Harvard at Cambridge, and will try to win the Intercollegiates at Poughkeepsie in June. The Junior Varsity will row three races, and the Freshmen two races and possibly three.

During the past two years, the Chapter, through its University Work Committee has received marks twice a term direct from the faculty for each man in the fraternity. We have found the system to work well, and believe that some of the good scholarship during the past term was due to this system, as each man knows his exact standing in each course early enough in the term to remedy any low marks.

Early in January a "News Letter" was sent to every alumnus; several replies were received, and we expect to send out another letter soon. Any news of any of our alumni will be greatly appreciated, as it will enable us to make a much better letter next time.

With best wishes to all our sister chapters, we are,

Fraternally,

A. B. Meyer,

*Chapter Historian.*

NEW YORK BETA.

## RHODE ISLAND ALPHA.

### BROWN UNIVERSITY

Meets 8:00 P. M. on Fridays, at Room C, Caswell Hall, Providence, R. I.

We again extend our hearty greetings to all sister chapters; and we wish to say that we are always glad to receive any of our brothers who may be in Providence at any time.

We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large three initiates:

Initiated Jan. 23:

Nelson Barlow, Ph. B., '17, Pawtucket, R. I.

Henry Theodore Hagstrom, Ph. B., '17, Youngstown, Ohio.

Herbert Franklin Davison, Ph. B., A. M., '15, Pawtucket, R. I.

The total number of initiates this year is seven, and more are to follow.

The general college activities have been interfered with somewhat by the Christmas vacation, and the semester examinations which are closing. None of our men has fallen by the wayside, and the indications are that the freshmen have acquitted themselves well, which is extremely gratifying.

The Varsity debating team for the Brown-Dartmouth-Williams Debating League is now being selected. Brown has always held the supremacy in this League during the twelve years of its existence, and is well in the lead at present. Debating has always appealed to Brown men, and the time is not far off when the Varsity "B" will be awarded to debators as well as to athletes.

With best wishes to our brothers for their "exams",

Fraternally,

R. B. Low.

RHODE ISLAND ALPHA.

*Chapter Historian.*

## MICHIGAN ALPHA.

### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Meets every Monday at 7 P. M., in Chapter House, at 1335 S. State Street, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Our mid-year examinations have kept us very busily engaged during the greater part of the last two weeks. Reports from most of the departments will not be sent out until about ten days hence, but in almost every individual case we are expecting the record to be good when it comes. We have made it our particular aim this semester to do just a little better scholastic work than we have done in the past. The faculty have aided us in our effort by instituting a new system in reference to underclassmen. Twice each semester we get a report of these men, giving as nearly as possible, an idea of their standing. This shows us better than anything else can, just which men need our especial help and encouragement, and also which ones are able to stand largely alone. Without a single exception our freshmen this year are good students and earnest workers.

The last week end of the examination period is always one of great social activity. The old annual "J Hop" has been abolished by the authorities, and this year, as a substitute, most of the fraternities held Consolation Parties. Our party at the house was attended by twenty-one couples, and was in every sense the success we hoped for.

Since our last letter we have initiated the following men:

Initiated Dec. 18:

Wm. Dudley Baker, Eng., '15, Wilmette, Ill.

Sterling Routt Brush, Eng., '15, Greeley, Colo.

Hugo George Maas, Lit., '17, Indianapolis, Ind.

Clifford C. Stone, Lit. '16, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Brother Thomas of the Electrical Engineering Department graduates this semester. We are all hoping that he will accept a position open to him in Detroit so that he may be near us, but there is a possibility of his being well placed in Panama, and until he hears definitely from this he will not decide.

Brother Christenson, who entered the Engineering Department this fall, has decided to drop out of college next semester, and enter the Dental Department next year. The nature of the dental course makes it almost impossible for him to begin the work in the second semester.

Fraternally,

L. D. Metzger,  
*Chapter Historian.*

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

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## IOWA ALPHA

### IOWA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

Meets every Tuesday at 7 P. M. at Chapter House, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

With the completion of the first semester and the subsequent trials of the mid-winter examinations, Iowa Alpha finds herself starting the second year of her existence with particularly bright prospects. For twenty-five men complete a score as many hours without a single failure is a scholastic honor of which all in the chapter are duly proud, but which is merely in keeping with standing which the "Sig Eps" are maintaining at Wesleyan.

On December 12th of last year our chapter had the pleasure and honor of a visit from Grand President Griffin and Grand Secretary Phillips. Time proved only too short with the fellowship of such brotherly men, but every man in the chapter from the youngest red-headed pledge, who was dubbed "Torchy" by President Griffin, to the oldest battle scarred senior; received a benefit from the visit. "Billy" Phillips attended chapel with the bunch, but 'prexy' cut chapel to give the writer a lesson in oratory and then attended class in the Pioneer Building, which is the oldest college building west of the Mississippi.

During the Christmas vacation the Iowa Wesleyan Glee Club made its fourteenth annual tour. Eight of the sixteen members were Sigma Phi Epsilon. Brother Stanley Newell acted as manager and not only scheduled the longest tour in the history of Wesleyan Glee Clubs, but when the final concert was over and the men assembled at the Glee Club Banquet, they found checks for place cards, the tour being successful enough to warrant the declaring of dividends. Brother Albert Neutzman was leader and Brother Harlan Stone acted as soloist, receiving much favorable press comment. Brothers Stone, Newell, and Neutzman also sang on the quartette.

Wesleyan's strong basket ball team which is throwing a scare into Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois athletic circles has as members four "Sig Eps." Two of the pledges have earned permanent places as center and guard, while Brothers Wahl and Floyd Hagie have played at

guard, Wahl having made an especially good showing in the Knox and Monmouth games. Class basket ball is running under regular schedules with the Juniors and Seniors tied for honors. Brother Stone is captain of the Seniors and has as team-mates Brothers Laird Hagie and Neutzman, while Brothers Floyd Hagie, Percy Caris and Hayes are members of the Junior team.

In Forsensics, Sigma Phi Epsilon is maintaining her high standard at Wesleyan and bids fair to be well represented in debate. Brother Jordan will lead the team against Simpson on the home floor and will have the able assistance of Brother Hayes as a team-mate. The rooms of the chapter house are re-echoing daily with sounds from the Freshman and Sophomore men who are trying out for the class teams.

Returns from the sectional contest of the Iowa State Oratorical Association are particularly promising. In the contest held at Lenox College, Hopkinton, Iowa, on February 6th, Brother Stanley Newell placed among the first four who will compete in the finals at Des Moines, the winner of which will represent the state in the Interstate Contest. Brother Daniel Boone Heller brought honor to Iowa Wesleyan in 1913 by winning the state contest and the expectations are for a duplication by Newell.

Socially, our chapter has not been dormant. On January 30th, we held an informal stag party at the chapter house for the pledges and out-of-town visitors, which came to a close with a moonlight serenade at Herschey Hall. Plans are at present being perfected for our second annual banquet, which will take place February 21st at the New Brazelton, and which will be by far the premier social event of the year.

With favorable faculty consideration, we hope to introduce several of our pledges in the next chapter letter, as brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Faternally,

Wm. Goodheart Breitenstein,  
Chapter Historian.

IOWA ALPHA.

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TWO IOWA ALPHA MEMBERS BRING HONOR TO IOWA  
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TWO ORATORICAL VICTORIES TOO MUCH—WILD WITH JOY

AND PRIDE.

Joy over the victory of Stanley Newell at the State Oratorical Contest is boiling over at the Sigma fraternity house on North Main Street. It is said that the boys have neither eaten or slept since word came of the high honors that had been brought them by one of their members. Heller, who won the contest last year, was also a member of the fraternity, and two succeeding victories appears to have been too much for the boys, as they are said to be simply overwhelmed. They will recover all right. Such emotions never kill.—*Mt. Pleasant Daily News*.

## COLORADO BETA UNIVERSITY OF DENVER.

Meets every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Chapter House, 2180  
So. Josephine, University Park, Colo.

From sunny Colorado where the sun shines 365 days in the year (if it feels like it) Colorado Beta sends her sympathy to all the brothers who still close around the grate fire to keep warm.

The winter season has been a busy one for us. Social events have taken our minds away from our studies from time to time. Gamma Phi Beta gave a delightful house party for us. In return we are giving them a box party at the Denham Theatre. Pi Beta Phi entertained us at a dinner party which all the brothers enjoyed. We are planning a card party and dance for them in the near future.

Colorado Alpha will join us in giving a formal dance at the Brown Palace Hotel on March 13.

Brother Bingham is getting the track team in shape. Most of the brothers are trying out and there will be several "Sig Phi's" wearing the track D at the close of the season.

Brother Rominger made his basketball D this season and has also been elected athletic editor for next year's annual.

It is with pleasure that we can introduce six new brothers to the fraternity at large.

Initiated December 2:..

Clifford Albert Miller, Arts, '11, Lander, Wyo.

Initiated December 19:

Clyde Otis Norvell, Med., '16, Denver, Colo.

Initiated January 23:

John Frederick Gooldy, Arts, '10, Savery, Wyo.

Initiated February 4:

William Frederick Morris, Arts, '17, Denver, Colo.

William Charles Smolenski, Dental, '13, Denver, Colo.

Clyde Wakefield Scogin, '15, Denver Colo.

We have enjoyed the visits of Brother Struppler from Washington Alpha, brother Brown from Virginia Eta, and brother J. M. Price from Kansas Alpha. We congratulate Kansas Alpha. Brother Price made a grade of 96.4 per cent. in the city Civil Service examinations, the highest grade that has been made up to the present time.

In closing we wish to remind all the brothers that the first Tuesday night in each month is reserved for the Alumni, they are always welcome and we will try to entertain them to the full on that night.

Fraternally,

*Earl B. Miller.*

*Chapter Historian.*

COLORADO BETA.

## TENNESSEE ALPHA.

## UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE.

Meets every Monday at 7 P. M. at Chapter House at 921 Temple Ave., Knoxville, Tennessee.

The very best of the midseasons greetings to all sister chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon from Tennessee; still the youngest member of this great family.

Examinations are at last over and we feel better, although with varying degrees of uncertainty as to what the verdict will be when we hear from the results. At Tennessee, no Freshman can join a Fraternity until after the end of the first semester and not then unless he has passed at least two-thirds of his work. He can not live in a Chapter House until that time. The Freshman's grades have not yet been posted, so we do not know how many names we will be able to add to the roll of Tennessee Alpha, and introduce to the Fraternity at large. The grades are to be posted soon, however, and we plan to initiate the lucky Freshmen into the secrets of Sigma Phi Epsilon on Saturday, February 14th. In our next letter to the Journal we will present the sister chapters with a list of the initiates.

January 19th witnessed one of the greatest political battles that we have ever had at the University of Tennessee. Two members were to be elected for the Athletic Council from the student-body. It has hitherto been customary although not compulsory to elect one Fraternity man and one non-fraternity man. There were three men out; one non-fraternity man; one man representing the S. A. E.'s and Bro. J. C. Thomason, representing Sigma Phi Epsilon. The result gave the election to the non-frat man and to the S. A. E. by a majority over Bro. Thomason of 134 to 133. The election, however, was contested and the judges who have it under discussion may still decide in Bro. Thomason's favor. This is one of the most influential positions held by students at the University and we may feel justly proud to be represented in this phase of student activities.

The date of our annual dance has been set as February 27th. As this is our first annual dance, we hope to make it a great success and we hope that many other chapters may be represented here with us on that date.

We have been having several "get-to-gether and work" meetings lately, especially for the benefit of the Freshmen.

We have two men out for basket ball and one of them is manager of the Scrub Team. Our Track Team is being organized. Bros. Gilbert and Thackston and Bower will represent us there. Baseball season will soon open to bring more honors to Sigma Phi Epsilon through Dawson and Bibb, both pledges, and Thomason and Gilbreth, all of last years team, besides one or two Freshmen who are determined to make the team this year.

Here's wishing the best success to sister chapters in this Spring Term. We hope that many of you may be represented with us at our annual dance on the 27th of February.

Fraternally,


W. T. Evans,  
Chapter Historian.

TENNESSEE ALPHA.



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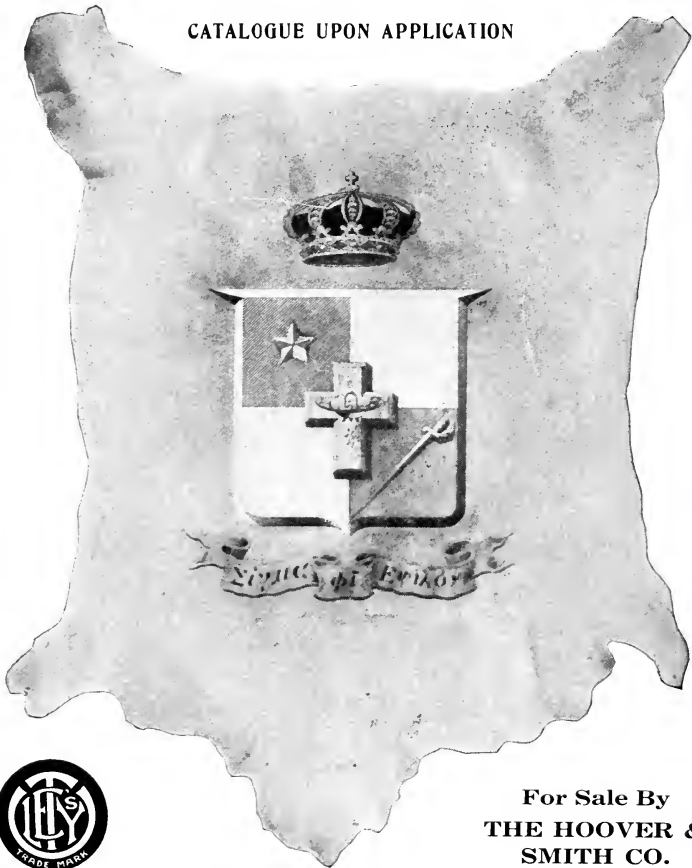


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